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Life as a student is all about sitting through endless boring lectures, working all night to meet essay deadlines and of course scraping by on your meagre student loan, right? Well, sometimes, but it can also be a lot of fun!! We asked some first year students to give us the low-down on student life in the UK!

Matthew Springer, University of Leeds (B.A. History and Political Science):
"One of the best things about the first year is 'Freshers' Week'¹. You hardly sleep all week – there are so many parties, concerts and other events! And then there's the 'Clubs & Societies Bazaar' where you get the chance to join any kind of club or society you can imagine. It's difficult not to get carried away – I signed up for the university newspaper, and the drama and canoeing clubs!"

Sylvie Legrange, Swansea University, Wales (B.Sc. Biological Sciences):
"I'm an overseas student from France. In my country, a lot of students live at home while studying, but here almost everyone goes to university in another town. This year, I got a place in halls² with most of the other first year students. It's so much fun hanging out in each other's rooms, drinking tea and ordering pizza at two o'clock in the morning! Next year, I'm going to rent a student house just off campus with four of my friends."

Sarah Miles, Keble College, Oxford (B.A. English and Modern Languages)
"I only have about ten hours of formal lectures every week, but I have to spend quite a few hours in the library doing research for essays. I also have to prepare for seminars, which are smaller interactive classes, and a weekly tutorial, which is basically a one-on-one discussion with my tutor³. Oxford is a lot more traditional than most other UK universities. We still have to wear a black academic gown when we do exams and when we attend formal dinners in the college dining hall!"



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"Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance."



Choosing a university



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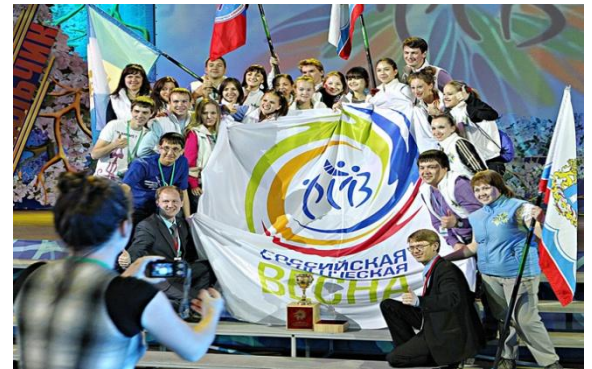
City/place
teachers



accommodation



free time activities



Listening

Which student(s) mention(s):

**- getting involved in
organized activities?**



- lack of money?

Reading

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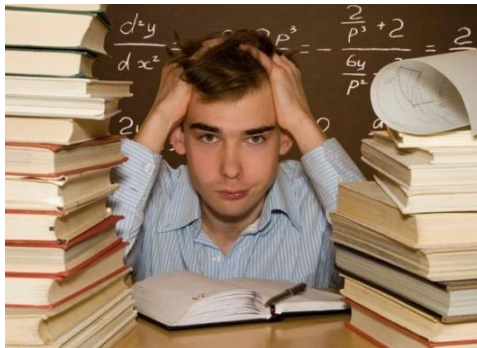
- a special dress code?



- a nighttime snack?



- self-study?



Reading

Find all words in the text related to the headings

Places	Lessons	Accommodation	Teachers	After-school activities

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Speaking

Imagine you are studying at Oxford University.
Use the words to talk about university life.

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