

A conversation about education

SPEAKING

LEVEL
Lower-intermediate

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LANGUAGE
English

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Goals

- Can express my opinion about education.
- Can distinguish between different sounds and spelling with 'ou'.







Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson, we will practise talking about your education and using the present perfect tense.



I **have studied** German for a long time.



Pronunciation

shoulder



Pronunciation

shoulder

cousin



Pronunciation

shoulder

cousin

sound



Pronunciation

four

cousin

sound

you

There are four different sounds for the letters “**ou**”.
Let’s repeat the sounds together!



How do you pronounce these words?

count

you

court

course

double

house

about

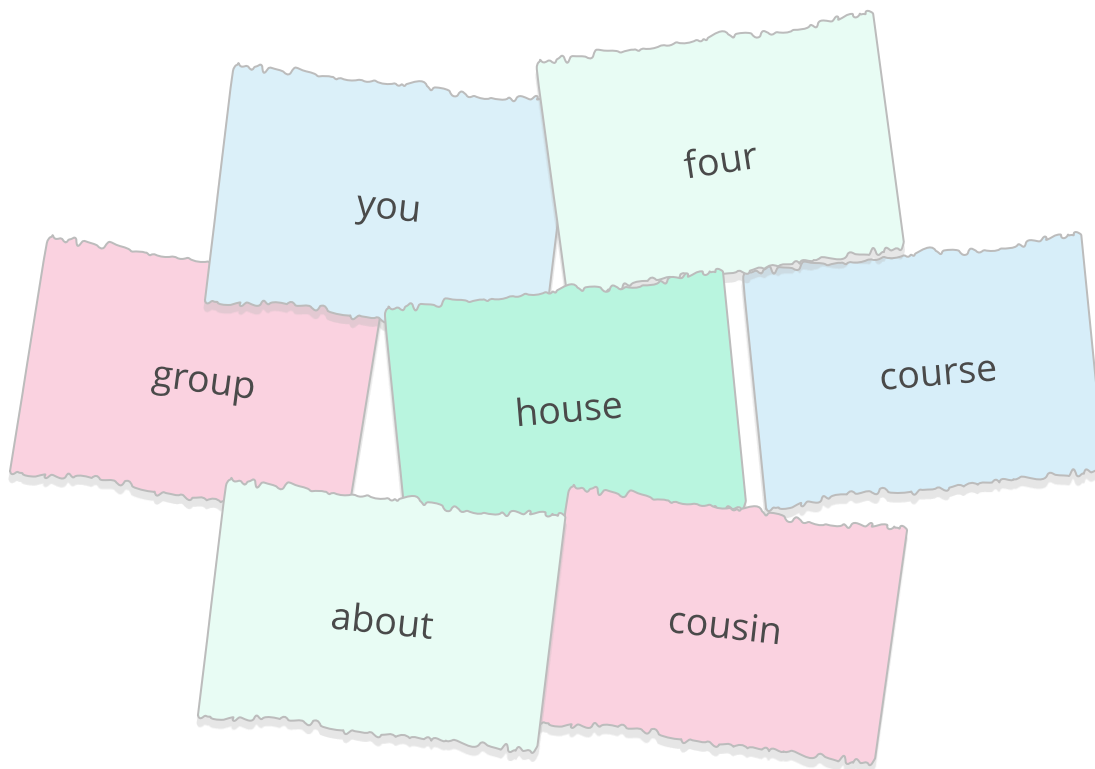
group

cousin



Pronunciation

**Choose one word and create a simple sentence.
Watch out for the different sounds with "ou"!**





Do you remember these words?

to study at

**to have a
bachelor's
degree**

**to have a
master's degree**

grades

internship

**vocational
school**

apprentice



trainee



Examples



I **have** a **bachelor's degree** in Mathematics.

He **has** a **master's degree** in Linguistics.



She was a **trainee** at a car company.



Examples



He got excellent **grades** last semester.

I went to a **vocational school** to become a graphic designer.



She is **an apprentice** fashion designer.

I did an **internship** at a consulting firm.





Do you remember these expressions?

to get work experience

to start your own
business

to study abroad

to take a gap year

to volunteer

to take an online
course



Do you remember these expressions?

to receive training

to learn a new skill

to take a language
course

team building

to learn how to do
something new

to take a technical
course



Examples



He **studied abroad** in Lyon in France.

She **took a gap year** and went to China.



I **volunteered** at an NGO after university.

Getting work experience is very good for your CV.





Examples



I **took** a French **language course** at work.

She is taking a **technical course** to learn to code.



He is **learning how to** give presentations.

We **receive training** every couple of months.





Read the dialogue



What have you done since we finished school?

I've started studying at university. What kind of apprentice are you?

I'm studying for my bachelor's degree in Marketing.

I've started an apprenticeship. What about you?

I'm learning how to be a hairdresser. What are you studying?

Oh, wow! Best of luck with that.



Role Play

Now recreate the dialogue from the previous slide. Imagine you are discussing with a friend what you have done since finishing school.

I started at university...



I have started an apprenticeship

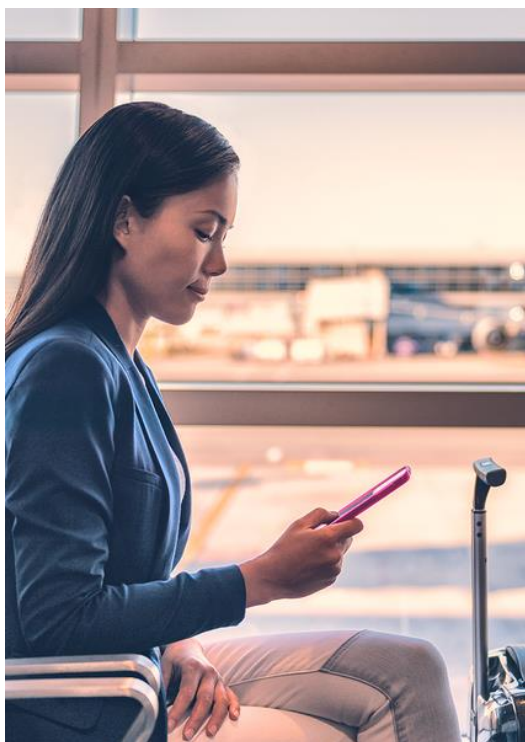
Student A: You have gone to university and are studying

Student B: You decided not to go to university



Have you ever...?

Ask around your class and find out which of these experiences each person has had in the past



Remember to use the phrase:
Have you ever...?

study at
university

go to a
vocational
school

be an intern

start your own
business

receive training
at work

do a technical
course at work



What do you think?

Which option is better? Why?



going to university

≠



taking a gap year



Read this short career biography

Harry finished university in 1985, where he got his degree in biotechnology. He started to work for a large antibiotics company in 1990. He is still working there now. In 1997 he moved to his current city, Chicago. There he met his wife Anita and they had a son in 2000. Last year, Harry took a management course at work and was promoted to head of his department. He loves his new role.





True or false?

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Harry has a degree in biomechanics.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Harry doesn't work at the antibiotics company now.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Harry moved to a different city in 1997.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Harry has one child.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Harry has recently changed to a more senior job .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Writing

Complete these sentences using facts from Harry's career biography

Harry / work / since

Harry / live in Chicago / for

Harry / be a head of department/ since



Interview time

**Interview your teacher or another classmate.
Ask the questions below**



Have you been to university?

Have you ever been an intern or a trainee?

Have you ever received training at work?



Prepare a presentation

Choose a card from the options below and prepare some ideas about the topic. Ask your teacher for help

benefits of
studying abroad

good points of
taking a language
course at work

advantages of a
gap year

reasons for
doing an
internship



Now give your presentation

Now using your notes from the previous slide, give your presentation to the group about your chosen topic.

- Make sure to speak confidently about your topic
- Leave time for questions at the end!





Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise 1, p.23

1. F
2. F
3. T
4. T
5. T

Exercise 2, p.24

1. Harry has worked at the antibiotics company since 1990.
2. Harry has lived in Chicago for 22 years.
3. Harry has been head of department since last year.





Write six sentences using the following words and the present perfect tense

for

since

already

ever

just

yet





Writing

**Imagine you take a gap year.
What do you want to do during your gap year?**

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