

READING

# First day of classes

**LEVEL**

Elementary (A2)

**NUMBER**

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**LANGUAGE**

English

## Learning outcomes

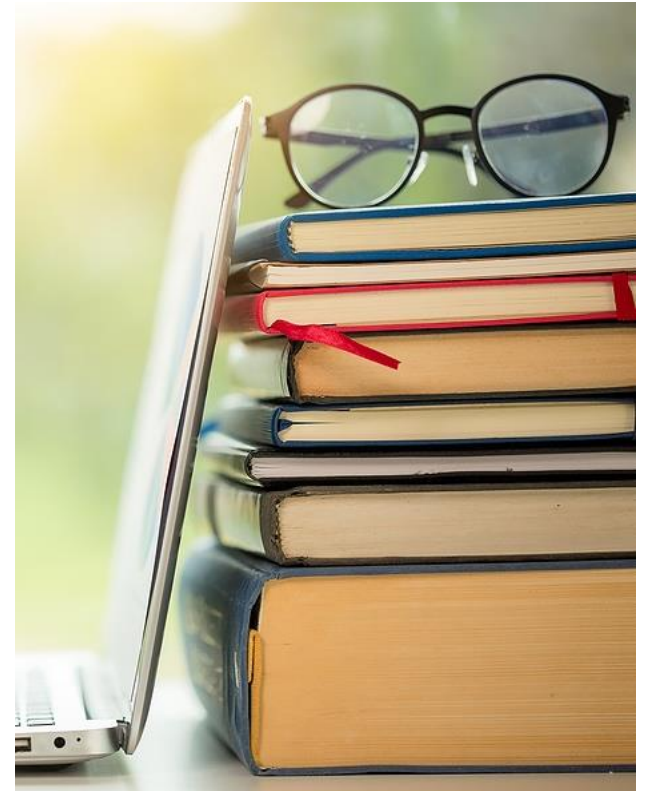
- I can understand a text about going to school.
- I can express a simple opinion about various aspects of school life.



## Warm-up

**What is the first thing  
you think of when you  
read the word *school*?**

**Share your answer with the  
rest of the class!**





# Vocabulary review



# ” Vocabulary from the text



I **graduated** from college last year.

Now I am getting a **master's degree**.



# ” Vocabulary from the text



My **studies** are very important to me.

I am in a **journalism programme** at the university.



I already have **experience** working as a **journalist**.

As part of my courses, we have lots of assignments and **tests**.





# First day of classes (1/3)

It's the first day of classes and Steve is sitting at his desk waiting for the course to start. He has decided to go back to university as a part-time student while he works. He has always wanted to get a master's degree in journalism. His friends and his boss have been encouraging him to do it for a long time. Going back to university is expensive, but Steve thinks it's a good idea. It will help him get a better position after he graduates.

He applied for the programme earlier this year and he was very happy when he was accepted. Tom, Sara, and Erin came over last night to congratulate him and wish him luck. He went out with them, and he is a bit tired today. He will have to go to work after class too. It is going to be a very long day, but he is excited to be a student again.





## Fill in the gaps

1 Steve \_\_\_\_\_ to get a master's degree.

- a. wanting                      b. has always wanted                      c. have always wanted                      d. has wanted always

2 He was very excited when he \_\_\_\_\_ to the journalism programme.

- a. accept                      b. have accepted                      c. was accepted                      d. have except

3 Steve \_\_\_\_\_ to go back to university and work at the same time.

- a. worked                      b. want                      c. has decided                      d. works





# Matching

**Match** the first half of the sentence with the correct second half.

**1** Steve has applied...

**2** Steve believes...

**3** Steve has...

**4** Steve and his friends...

**5** Steve's boss has been...

**a** encouraging him to go back to school for a long time.

**b** that he will get a better position after he graduates.

**c** went out to celebrate the night before.

**d** to the university to get a master's degree.

**e** decided to go back to university part-time.



# Discuss

**Answer** the questions below.

**Have you been to university?  
If you haven't, what  
would you like to study?**



**If you have, would you  
like to go back and  
study something else?**

## First day of classes (2/3)

Steve looks around the classroom. His classmates are all ready to get started. They have their notebooks and pens out and are patiently waiting for the professor. They are all younger than Steve.

He knows he will have to work very hard if he wants to do well in this module. Seeing all the young faces makes him feel a little old. He does have a lot of experience working as a journalist though, and that will help him in his studies.

Many of his younger classmates don't have much journalism experience. He will have to write a long essay and pass an exam at the end. He is very good at writing essays, but he hates taking exams.





# True or false

1. **Read** the statements.
2. **Decide** if they are true or false.

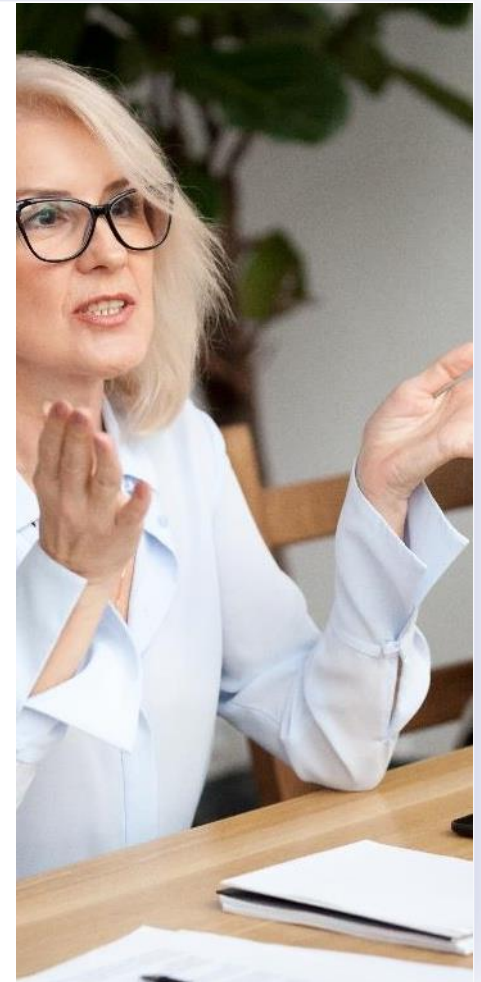
		true	false
1	Steve is older than the other students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Steve thinks the module will be easy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Steve has never been a journalist before.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Steve must do an essay as an assignment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Steve prefers taking exams to writing essays.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## First day of classes (3/3)

Exams make Steve very nervous, and he forgets things. At least he has never failed an exam. He will also have to make a lot of presentations.

Presentations have always made Steve very nervous. He doesn't like to talk in front of lots of people. He is always worried he will forget everything he wants to say.

The professor walks in and introduces herself. She is very friendly. Before she became a professor, she was a very well-known journalist. Steve admires her. He pays very close attention and takes notes when she writes things on the whiteboard. He's ready to work!





I always get the **jitters** before giving a presentation.

The **jitters** is a feeling of nervousness before something important happens.

When do you get the **jitters**?





# How do you feel about...

In breakout rooms or together as a class, **answer** the questions.

1 ...taking exams?

2 ...writing essays?

3 ...making presentations?







## Discuss

Answer the questions below.

**Would you like to  
work and study at  
the same time?**

**Why or why not?**





# End of the lesson

Idiom

***hit the books***

**Meaning:** to study

**Example:** I need to hit the books tonight. The big exam is tomorrow!



# Additional practice



# Unscramble the sentences



he

to study

wanted

always

journalism

has



Steve

applied

has

already

to

the programme



# Transform the sentences

**Transform** these sentences from the text using *I*.



1 He has been a journalist before.



*I have been a journalist before.*

2 He will also have to make a lot of presentations.



3 He doesn't like to talk in front of a lot of people.



4 He looks around the classroom.



5 He has decided to go back to university.



6 He will have to go to work after class too.





# Practise forming the present perfect

Form the **present perfect** with the verbs and pronouns below.

I, study

he, learn

we, write

it, take

she, look

they, wait





# Answer key

**P.8:** 1.) b 2.) c 3.) c

**P.9:** 1.) d 2.) b 3.) e 4.) c 5.) a

**P.12:** 1.) True 2.) False 3.) False 4.) True 5.) False

**P.20:** He has always wanted to study journalism; Steve has already applied to the programme.

**P.21:** 2.) I will also have to make a lot of presentations 3.) I don't like to talk in front of a lot of people 4.) I look around the classroom 5.) I have decided to go back to university 6.) I will have to go to work after class too

**P.22:** I have studied; he has learned; we have written; it has taken; she has looked; they have waited



# Summary

## Studying and education

- *programme; journalism; master's degree*
- *journalist; studies; experience; to graduate*



# Vocabulary

programme

journalism

master's degree

journalist

studies

experience

test

to graduate

