

Unit 18

take (v)	to perform an action: <i>I decided to take the exam, even though I knew I was going to fail.</i>
pass (v)	to be successful in an examination or test, by achieving a satisfactory standard: <i>Do you think you'll pass?</i>
read (v)	to look at and understand words in a letter, book, newspaper, etc: <i>I read a few chapters every night.</i>
study (v)	to do work such as reading and homework: <i>You need to study hard if you want to pass.</i>
test (n)	a set of written or spoken questions that is used for finding out how much someone knows about a subject: <i>Did you get a good mark in your physics test?</i>
exam (n)	an important test of your knowledge, especially one that you take at school or university: <i>I'm taking the exam in June.</i>
primary (adj)	relating to the education of children between the ages of about five and eleven: <i>I really didn't want to leave my primary school.</i>
secondary (adj)	relating to the education of children between the ages of 11 and 16 or 18: <i>Once Ian went to secondary school, he really developed a lot of self-confidence.</i>
high [school] (adj)	in the UK, a school for children between the ages of 11 and 18; in the US, a school for children between the ages of 14 and 18: <i>I hated high school because everyone was worried about being popular.</i>
colleague (n)	someone who works in the same organisation or department as you: <i>Friends and colleagues will remember him with affection.</i>
classmate (n)	someone who is in your class at school: <i>I get on well with all my classmates.</i>
prefect (n)	in some schools in the UK, an older student who controls the activities of younger students and helps them to obey the rules: <i>At our school, the headmaster chooses the prefects at the start of each academic year.</i>
pupil (n)	someone who goes to school or who has lessons in a particular subject: <i>All the pupils stood up as the head teacher entered the room.</i>
student (n)	someone who goes to a university, college or school: <i>Jennifer is one of my best students.</i>
qualifications (n)	something such as a degree or a diploma that you get when you successfully finish a course of study: <i>Simon left school with no qualifications.</i>
qualities (n)	positive features of a person's character: <i>What qualities do you most admire in others?</i>
count (v)	to calculate how many people or things there are in a group: <i>All the votes have been counted.</i>

measure (v)	to find the exact size, amount, speed or rate of something: <i>We measured from the back of the house to the fence.</i>
degree (n)	a course of study at a university, or the qualification that you get after completing the course: <i>She's doing a degree at Exeter University.</i>
certificate (n)	an official document that proves that you have passed an examination or have successfully completed a course: <i>Doctors often put their certificates up in their offices to show that they are qualified.</i>
results (n)	the mark that a student gets in an examination: <i>You should get your exam results next week.</i>
speak (v)	to be able to talk in a particular language: <i>Do you speak Chinese?</i>
talk (v)	to speak, or to have a conversation: <i>Can their baby talk yet?</i>
lesson (n)	a period of time in which students are taught about a subject in school: <i>Don't forget to bring your books to Monday's lesson.</i>
subject (n)	something that you learn or teach in a school, for example English, mathematics or biology: <i>I prefer science subjects, like physics and biology, to arts subjects.</i>
achieve (v)	to succeed in doing or having something: <i>We have achieved what we set out to do.</i>
reach (v)	to get to a particular point in time, or to a particular stage in a process: <i>The children have reached the age when they want more privacy.</i>
task (n)	something that you have to do, often something that is difficult or unpleasant: <i>Ken began the difficult task of organising the information.</i>
effort (n)	physical or mental energy needed to do something: <i>Writing a book takes a lot of time and effort.</i>
know (v)	to be familiar with someone or something, for example because you have met someone before or been to a place before: <i>Do you know Terry Davis?</i>
recognise (v)	to know someone or something because you have seen, heard or met them before: <i>I recognised the house from your description.</i>
teach (v)	to help students to learn something in a school, college or university by giving lessons: <i>She teaches children with learning difficulties.</i>
learn (v)	to gain knowledge or experience of something, for example by being taught: <i>What did you learn at school today?</i>

Unit 20

urban (adj)	relating to towns and cities: <i>People moved to the urban areas for jobs.</i>
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