

UNIT 1 TALKING ABOUT COLLEGE LIFE IN INDONESIA

Practice 1. College life was a great time to explore your academic, leadership and social ability. You can also explore your interest to get more achievements. Study the following pictures.

1. Have you done one of them? If yes, could you tell your friends?
2. What was your impression about college life?
3. Did you find the differences between school life and college life?
4. If yes, could you share it?

Picture 1.a. Students' presentation



Picture 1.b. Activity in Library



Picture 1.c. Students' Sport Activity



Picture 1.d. Social Activity



Practice 2.1. Based on the pictures in part A. Which one was your favorite activity? and provide your reasons. Then, have you participated to one of those activities (picture a – d)? You may use these words and your own ideas.

Scientific (adj)	Leadership (noun)	Understandable (adj)
Academic (adj)	Healthy (adj)	Easy-going (adj)
Disciplinary (adj)	Social (adj)	Helpful ((adj)
Teamwork (noun)	Critical (adj)	Diligent (adj)

- “I was critical student 3 years ago”
- “We had good teamwork and friendship last year”
- “They had good leadership ”
- “Andi was easy-going and clever person”
- “We visited Kalianda to give social aid to tsunami victims one year ago”

Practice 2.2. Grammar Focus

Coordinate Conjunctions *and, but, & or*

Coordinate conjunctions are those that connect words, phrases, and clauses of equal grammatical rank and construction. Note the use of **and, but, or** in the following sentences

And expresses addition, **but** express opposition and indicates a conflict of ideas; **or** indicates an alternative.

- My English course has opened new affiliates in Bandung and Semarang (*And* connects two nouns)
- We were planning to join the debate competition, but we changed our mind (*But* connects two independent clauses)
- Would you prefer to go by public or private transportation? (*Or* connects two infinitives phrases)

Use of Coordinate Conjunctions.

Incorrect : Deni was considerate but an effective manager.
(*But* is incorrectly used to connect the adjective *considerate* and the noun phrase *an ineffective manager*)

Correct : Danu was a considerate but ineffective manager.
(*But* is correctly used to connect two adjectives, *considerate* and *ineffective*)

Practice 3. Now, take a look at these pictures, which one of these pictures, did you like to visit the most? And the least? Provide your reasons!

Picture 1.e. Library



Picture 1.f. Canteen



Picture 1.g. Mall



Picture 1.h. Educational Seminar



Then, compare your answers to your friends, are there any differences? If, it is yes, why? and what is the benefit for academic purpose? Or is there any benefit for social life?

Practice 4. Read this conversation! This dialogue is about two new students in Economic and Business Faculty!

- Al : Hi Toni, why do you look so sad?
- Toni : Hi Al, yes, you are right. I feel confused to write my final project. I got topic in "Macroeconomics theory". I have no idea to write my paper.
- Al : Don't worry be happy. You can join academic study club in our faculty.
- Toni : What is it? Academic Study Club? Is it open for all students?
- Al : Yes, of course, Academic Study club (ASC) is an internal organization which is focused on helping beginner

researcher to do a research or write a paper. You may consult with your seniors and there is complete book collection as your references. Then, it is open for all students in our faculty.

Toni : That's sound great. Let's join, now. Can you accompany me to go there?

Al : Sorry, I can't go right now. I have class with Prof Smith. How about tomorrow?

Toni : Okay, I agree. See you tomorrow

Al. : See you.

Questions

1. Practice that dialogue with your partner!
2. Then, create a dialogue about your "daily college life". For example: dialogue about your homework, how to make group presentation, how to do assignment, etc. You have 10 minutes to make it.

Practice 5. Answer these following questions orally!



Picture 1.i. New Students Orientation Program

1. Did you still remember? What activity did you do in students' orientation program?
2. What did you think about it? It was important and useful? Tell your reasons
3. In certain cases, there were negative activities in students' orientation program, such as bullying, physical harassment to junior students, dangerous activity, and so on. What was your opinion? And what should be done by the government or stake holders to prevent those cases? Provide your reasons.

Practice 6. Interview five of your friends about their daily college activities (min. 3 activities) last week and tell the result to the class. Number 1 as the example for you!

No	Names	College activities	Reason
1	Doni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Read at library ➤ Studied with classmates ➤ Did group assignment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It improved his knowledge a lot ➤ It could help to understand the lesson ➤ It was compulsory task
2			
3			
4			
5			
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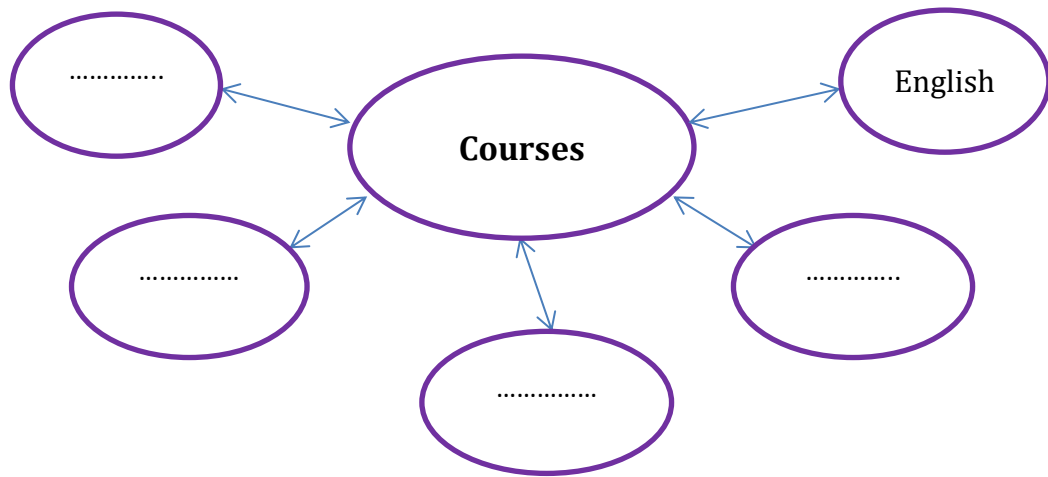
Practice 7. Based on the table above, present your interview result to your classmates!

Example:

Last week, Doni started a day with reading library. Because he love reading a lot and he want to improve his knowledge gradually. Then, he studied with his classmates. It could help to understand the lesson.
 *(you may use your own words)*

Practice 8. Talking about Courses in Indonesia!

To support your study in college, you might also learn a skill by taking a course. Complete the diagram below by jotting down



Practice 9.1. After completing the diagram above, complete the table below about the courses, how long did each program hold and what was your reason to take the courses. No 1 as example

No	Name	Taken courses	Duration	Reason
1	Andi	Toefl preparation	12 meetings	To improve toefl score

Practice 9.2 Present your choices about courses above, then what were your reasons to take them?

Practice 10.1. Read the text carefully!

“The Role of Courses in Indonesia”

Why do we need to join the course? Because Indonesia is now in free trade so that people also should improve their professional skills in order to keep up date with the change. As we know, today, we are in globalization era, therefore, we need to change our mindset and improve our skill gradually to overcome the challenges in future. Unfortunately, some knowledge or practical skills cannot be obtained by attending formal education. Formal University does not prepare students with practical skill, for example: how to do public speaking, how to be professional author, how to negotiate effectively and so on.

For example: Lampung university may run an English course for conversation to improve students' speaking ability, while for staffs and lecturers may feel the need to improve computer , public speaking, writing scientific journal and other important skills. Those are important skills both for students, lecturers, and staffs. A great university will also have regular program to improve its service of teaching and learning. To conclude, we cannot avoid the competitive era, but we can survive with our new developed skill.

(text created by the writer)

Practice 10.2. Based on the text above, underline the difficult words that you find. Then, try to find the meaning from your dictionary. After that, make sentences based on your difficult words!

Words	Meaning	Sentences
Lucrative (adj)	Producing a lot of money	The merger proved to be very lucrative for both companies.

Practice 10.3. Now, work in pair discuss about your campus facilities that you can use them to improve your skills. Then, present the result of discussion to the class. Number 1 as example.

No	Facilities	Used for
1	Library	Getting the reference book
2	
3	
4	Etc....	