

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Freshers' Week

This listening comprehension consists of two parts; in the first part, you will have to complete the summary with the words from the recording. In the second part, you must match the four tips for newcomers with the appropriate description.

There are also some true or false questions which you should answer after listening to the text.

1. Summary completion:

The British _____ system is well-respected around the world. However, it can be _____ and sometimes _____ if you are a new student. That's why in October, the _____ month in the academic _____, universities usually organize a so-called Freshers' Week for their _____. During this week, you can _____ new _____, join lots of clubs and _____ into university life. Of course, it can be nerve-wrecking to move away from home and leave all your old friends _____, but there will be _____ of other students in the _____ as you. So, instead of worrying, you should _____ it all in _____ and try not to _____ into anything you might _____ for the next three years.

2. Match the tips for newcomers (a, b, c, d) with the correct description (1, 2, 3, 4):

a) blend in	1. You will have more chances to meet new people if you are active and frequently leave your room
b) bring a doorstop	2. A good way to make friends with someone is to invite them for a cup of tea or some toast
c) be hospitable	3. You should know about British social etiquette; for example, it's a good idea to have some wine glasses in your room
d) be sociable	4. You can show your neighbours that you're friendly if you keep your door open

3. True or False; correct the false statements:

- Freshers' Week is for second year students at universities. T F
- October is generally the busiest month for universities. T F
- Having wine glasses in your room is a bad idea. T F
- It's a good idea to pack a doorstop in your backpack. T F
- A bit of planning can make student life easier. T F

ANSWER KEY:

1. (higher) education system / overwhelming / confusing / busiest / calendar / newcomers / make / friends / settle / behind / thousands / same boat / take / slowly / rush / regret

2. 1d 2c 3a 4b

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