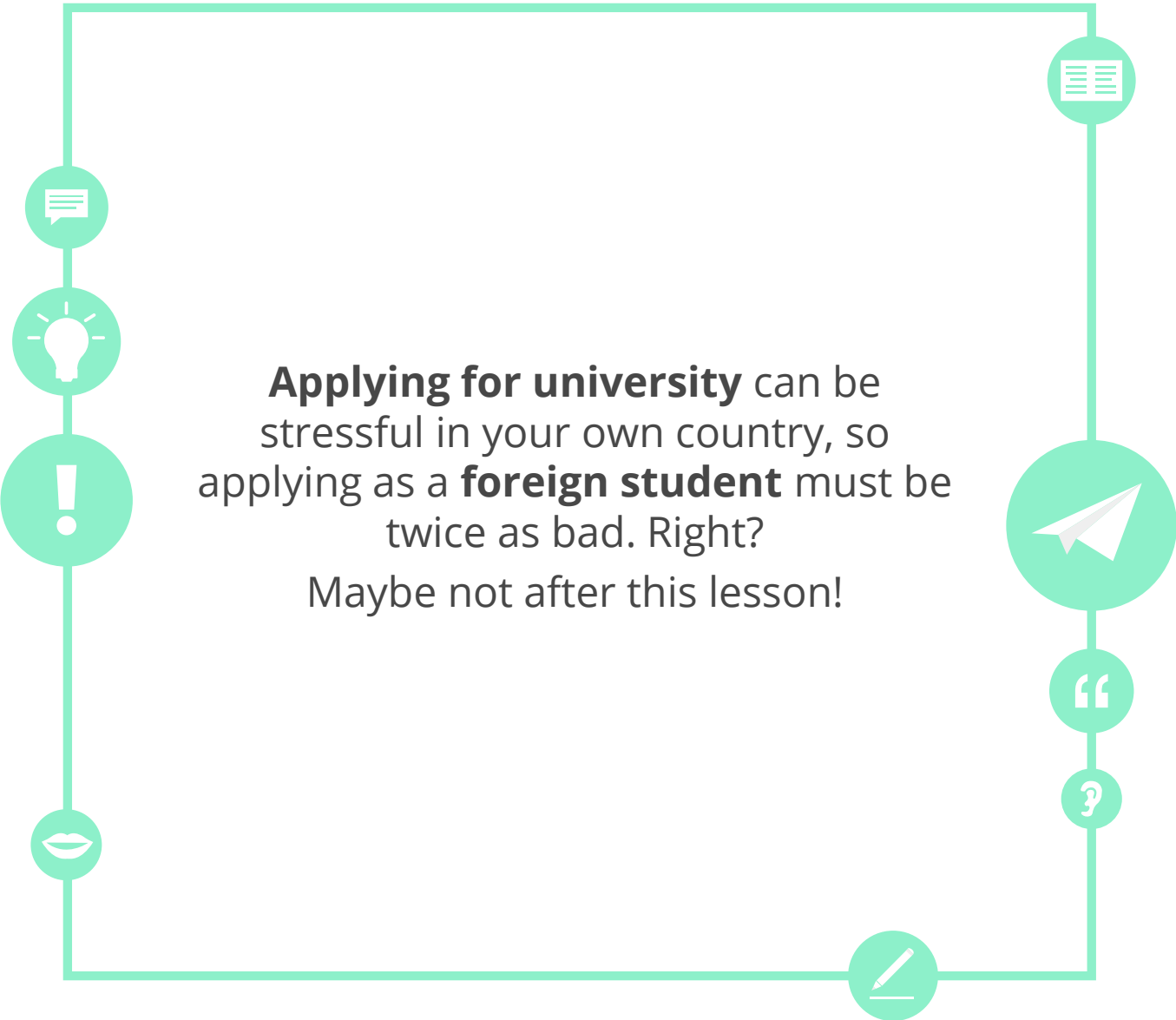




Goals

- Can understand and explain the process of applying to a UK university.
- Can list and explain the features of a personal statement.





Applying for university can be stressful in your own country, so applying as a **foreign student** must be twice as bad. Right?
Maybe not after this lesson!



Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson you are going to learn about **applying for university** in the **UK**.



Applying for university can be tricky.

university

college

University, or **college** in the USA, is also called higher education in the UK.



In the UK, most people start **university** at 18 after completing their A-levels.

course provider

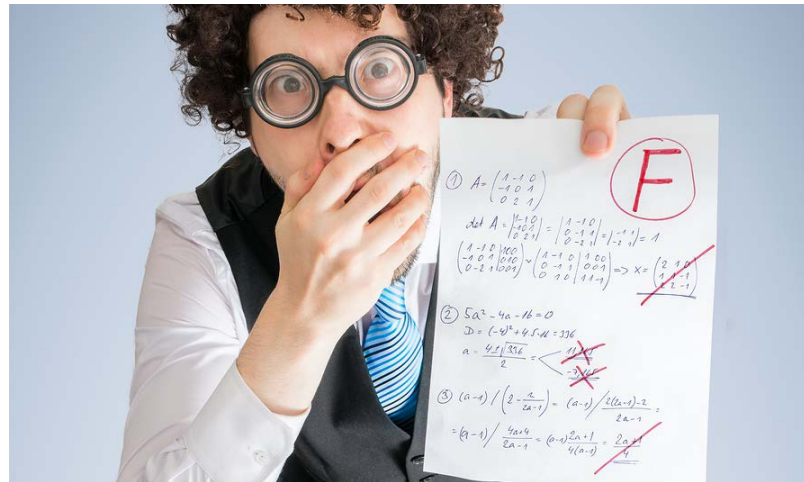
A university is a **course provider**.



You must choose a course and a **course provider**.

entry requirements

The most important **entry requirements** for universities are the grades from your final exams at secondary school or sixth form college.



Every university has different **entry requirements**.



New words

application form

To apply for university, you must fill in an **application form** on the admissions website.

personal statement

You must also write a **personal statement** to go with your application form.

application deadline

Application deadlines are earlier for overseas students than for UK students.

application fee

There is an **application fee** for submitting an application form.

apply and track

When you have applied, you can use the **apply and track** system to check how your application is progressing.



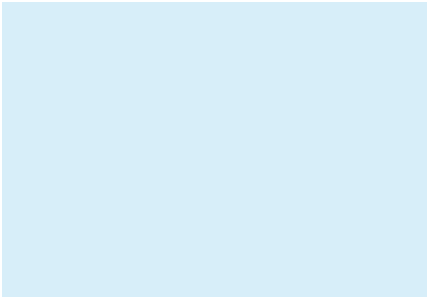
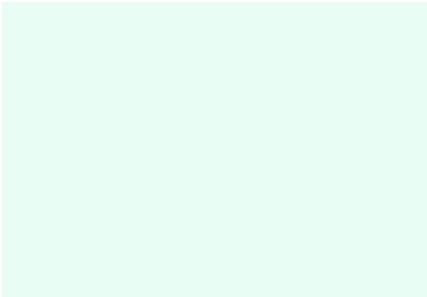
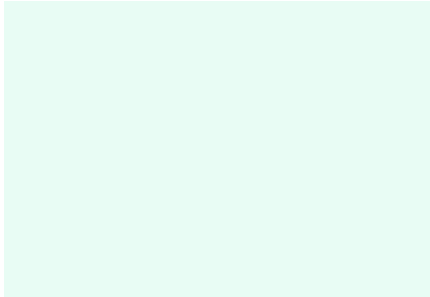
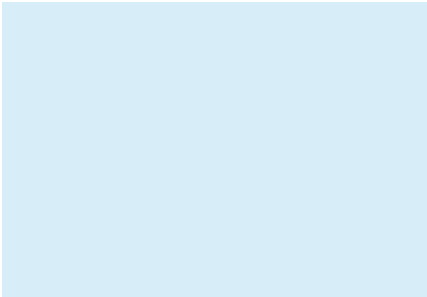
The **apply and track** system is entirely online.



Timeline

Fill in the boxes below to show the timeline for applying to a university in the UK.

Choose a course
and a course
provider.





Choosing a course provider

What criteria do you need to think about when choosing a course provider? What was the most important thing when you were choosing?



lecturers and professors

location



Choosing a university

Look at the information below about two universities which you are trying to choose between.

1. A large, modern university with the exact **course** you want to study. The university is new so it does not have a very high **ranking** in the international tables. You don't know what the **professors** are like.
2. A traditional university with an excellent international **reputation**. The **professors** are well-respected. However, the **course** is not exactly what you wanted to study.



Discuss with your classmates and teacher which you would choose.
Would you like to find out more information about either?

How might you do that?



Where to go?

If you could go to university anywhere in the UK, where would you go and why?





Speaking

Is there an application fee for applying to university in your country?

Can you apply online for university where you live?

Which are the most popular universities in your country?

What are the entry requirements like for the most popular universities?



Writing a personal statement

When writing a personal statement to apply for university, you should mention the points below.

- Why you are **applying** for that **course** and how it fits with the **career** you want.
- What makes you suitable for the course: **academic achievements**, **extracurricular activities**, and maybe **work experience**.
- Why you want to study in the **UK** and not at home, and which **English language tests** you have taken.





A personal statement

Read through these example sentences from a personal statement.
Has it addressed the main points?

I am applying to **study history** because I have always had a keen interest in the past.

In the future, I would like to **work with archives**, as it combines my enjoyment of researching historical documents with my skill for organisation.

I have achieved consistently **high grades** in my history exams at school.

As a **volunteer** for the Historical Preservation society in my city, I have had the chance to learn how to take care of original documents.

I would like to study in the UK for two reasons: the **quality of the course** is much higher than in my home country, and I am particularly **interested in** the history of northern England.

I have passed an international **English language qualification** at an advanced level.

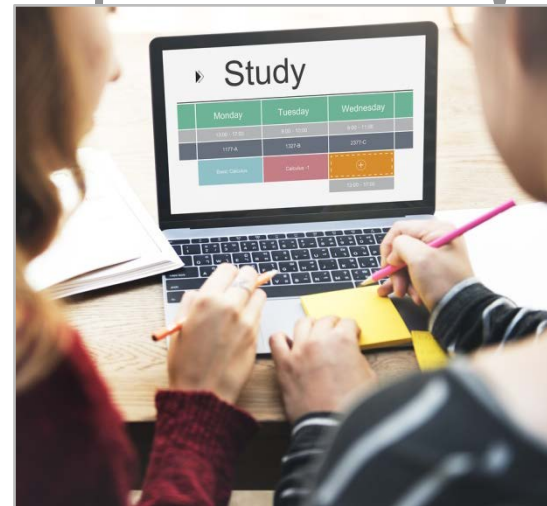




Your course

Think about a course you would like to apply for in the UK.

- Why do you want to do that course?
- Can you support your reasons with experience?
- What about your English?





Writing your personal statement

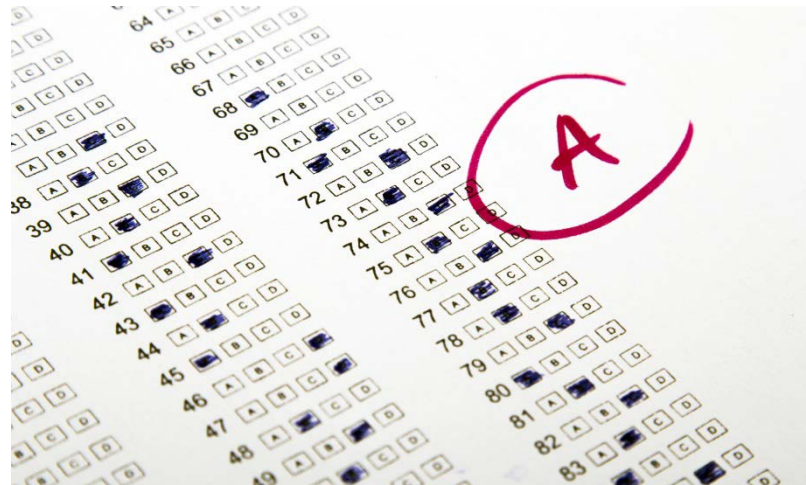
Write some example sentences for a personal statement, using the example on p. 16 to help.

- Remember that a real **personal statement** would be much longer.
- Borrow words and phrases from the example and ask your teacher for help on making complicated sentences.



conditional offer

Based on your application, many universities give students a **conditional offer**, meaning that if they get the required grades then they will be admitted to the university.



I got a **conditional offer** of three A grades at A-level.

results day

results are published

On **results day**, exam **results** are published.



Results day is always stressful for students.

original transcripts

certified translations

Universities often ask for the **original transcripts** of your grades, and for **certified translations** of your documents.



I asked my secondary school for an **original transcript**.



You need a certified translator to make **certified translations**.

tuition fees

Tuition fees are paid to the university for the course you study. They can be expensive in the UK.



Overseas students often have to pay higher **tuition fees** than UK students.



Fill in the gaps

Use the words below to fill in the gaps.

published

certified

conditional

tuition

transcript

1. University students in the UK must pay _____ fees.
2. In the UK, exam results are _____ in August of each year.
3. Most students receive a _____ offer from several universities, which is dependent on their exam results.
4. An original _____ of your grades is required by most universities.
5. You must also get _____ translations of your important documents.





Results day

**Do you remember results day for your high school exams?
How did you feel before and after you got your results?
Did you have any conditional offers to meet?**





Foreign students

From what you have seen on previous pages, and what you know, how do you think **applying for university** as a **foreign student** is different to a home student?



Tuition fees

Do students pay **tuition fees** in your country?

Do you think it is right that we should pay for **university**?





Game

- The below are all real **university courses** in the UK. Choose one for you, your classmates, and your teacher.
- Why do you think they would like this course?
- What do you think the courses include?



Surf Science and
Technology

Ethical Hacking

Circus and Physical
Performance

Equestrian Psychology
and Sports Science



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





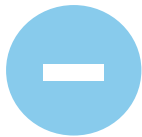
Reflect on this lesson

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

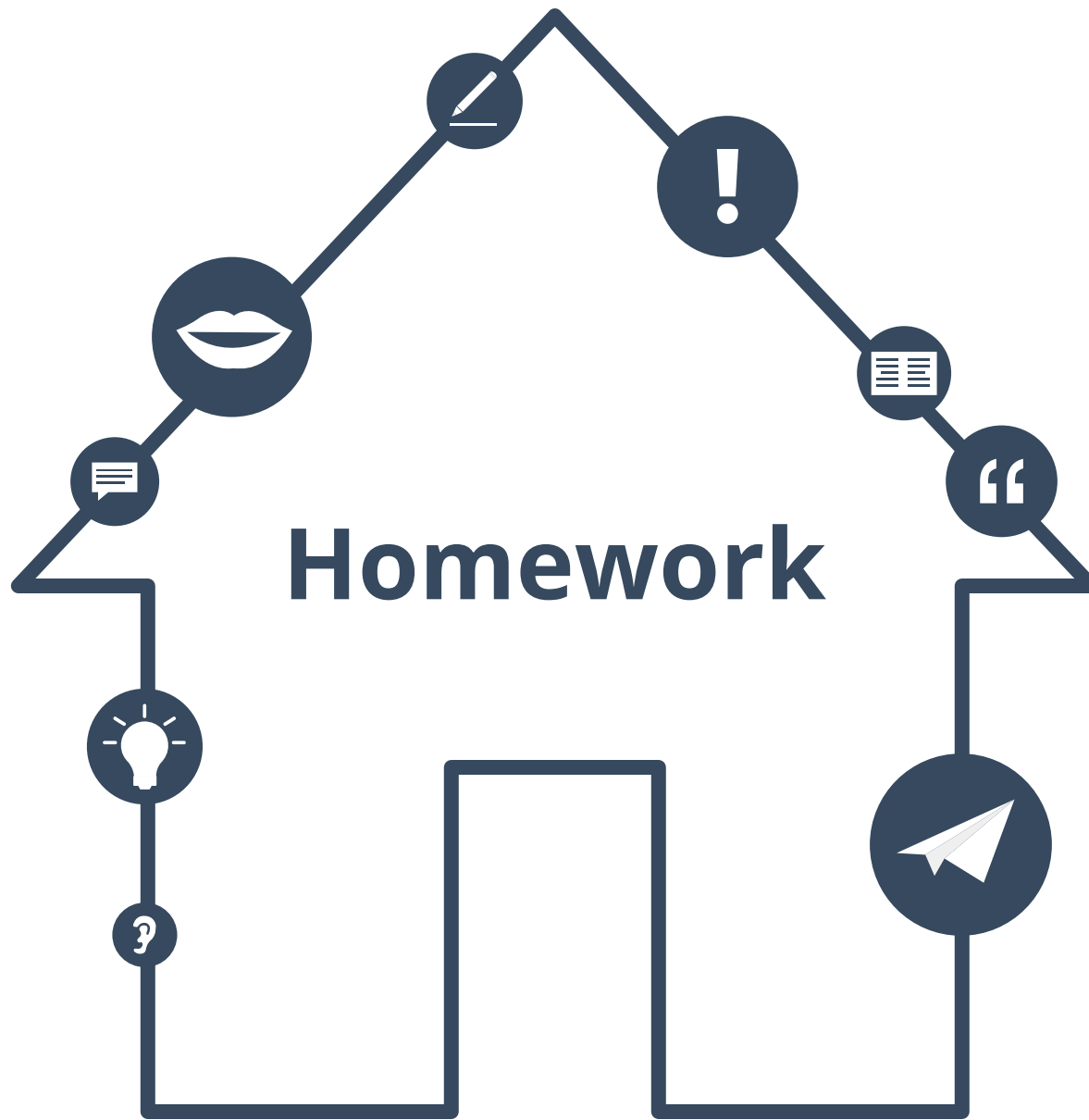




Answer key

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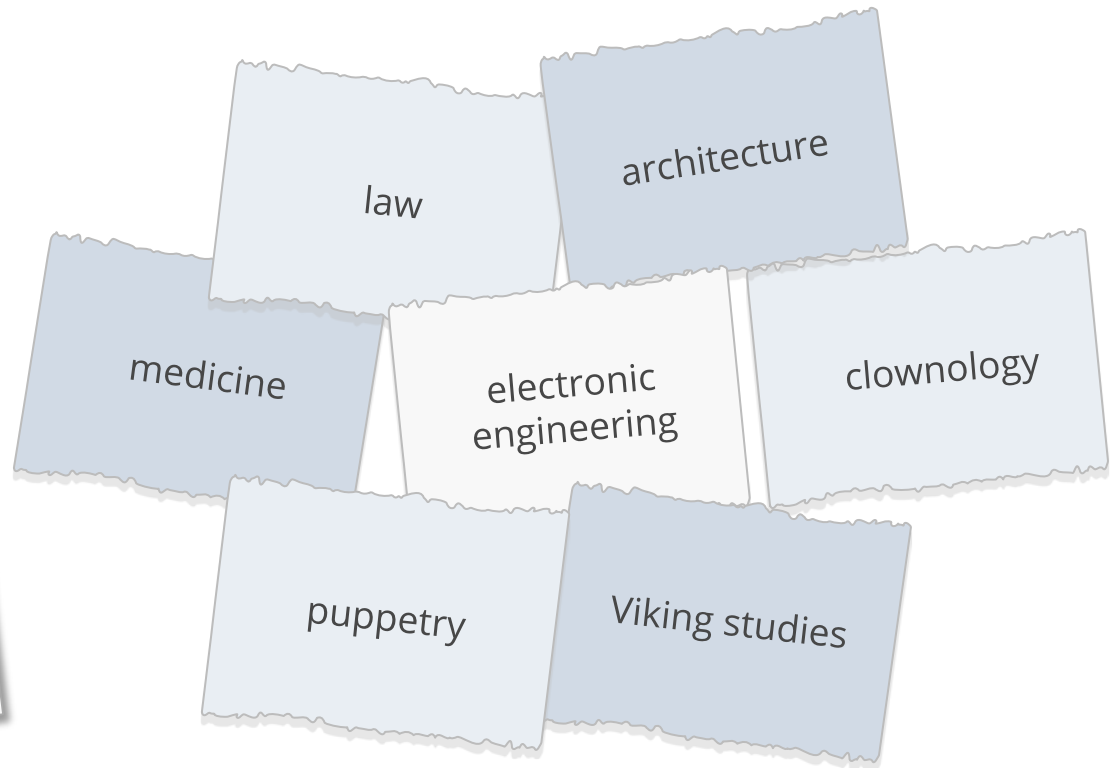
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University courses

Which of these courses would you most like to study?





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