

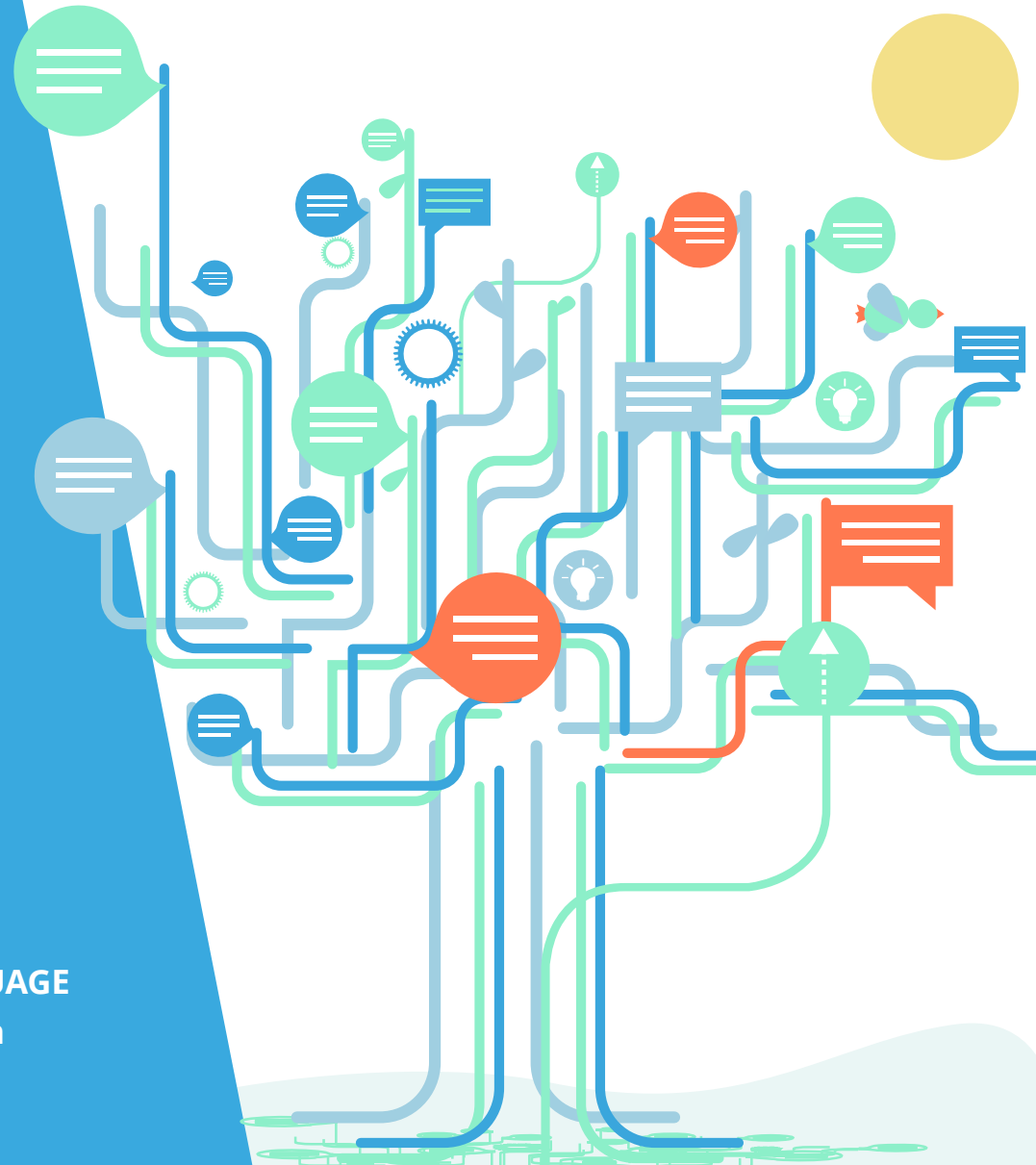
# First day of classes

READING

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Beginner

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English



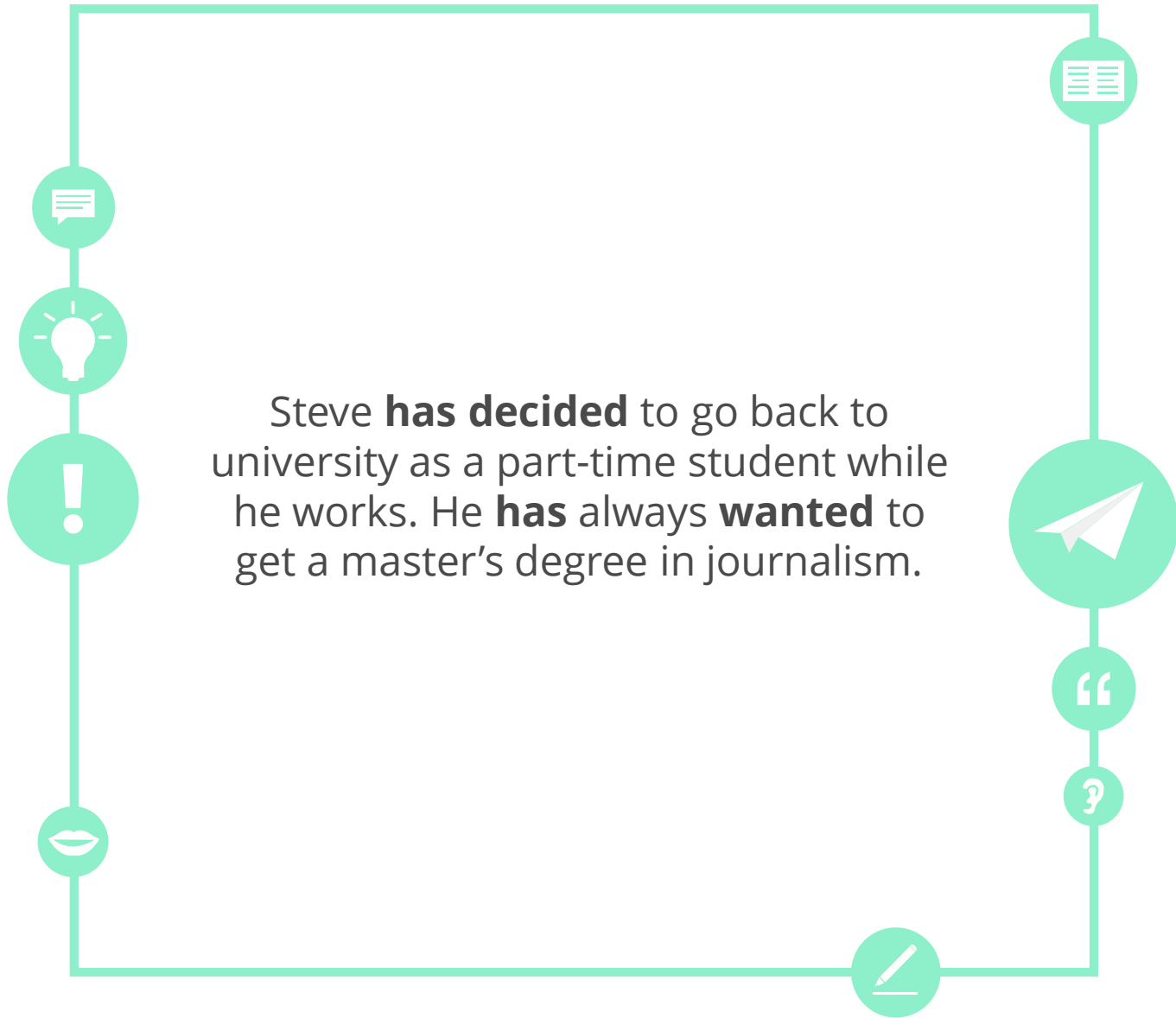


## Goals

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



Steve **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.





## Vocabulary from the text

**programme**

**to graduate**

**journalism**

**test**



**master's degree**

**experience**

**journalist**

**studies**



## 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**.

In my courses we have lots of assignments and **tests**.





## First day of classes

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.





## First day of classes

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 little 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



## Unscramble to make sentences in the present perfect

A

He to study wanted always journalism has

B

Steve applied has already to the programme



## Match the parts of the sentences

1. We have applied...

2. We have...

3. Steve has...

4. Steve and his friends...

a. many classmates in his journalism course.

b. went out to celebrate the night before.

c. to the university to get a master's degree.

d. decided to go back to university part-time.



## About you

**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

He 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.





## Decide if each sentence is true or false

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Steve is older than the other students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The assignments are very 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"/>



## Form the present perfect with the verbs and pronouns below

I, study

he, learn

we, write

it, take

she, look

they, wait



## First day of classes

Exams make him 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 too many people. He is always worried he will forget everything he wants to say.





## First day of classes

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!



## Writing practise

Write a sentence using each of the words below. Three sentences should be in the present perfect.

study

learn

go to university

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## About you

How do you feel about...



1 taking exams?

2 writing essays?

3 making presentations?



## Reflect on the text

Would you like to work and study at the same time? Why or why not?





# Dictogloss

Your teacher is going to read to you.  
Write down what you hear them say.



Listen up!





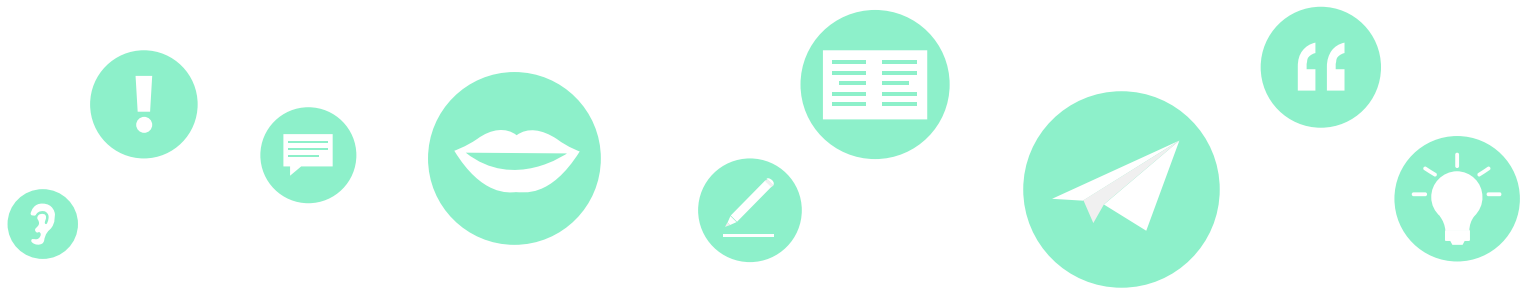
## Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

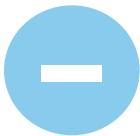
no



## 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

**Exercise p. 9**  
1. B 2. C 3. C

**Exercise p. 10**

He has always wanted to study journalism.  
Steve has already applied to the programme.

**Exercise p. 11**

1. C 2. D 3. A 4. B

**Exercise p. 14**

1. True 2. False 3. False 4. True 5. False

**Exercise p. 15**

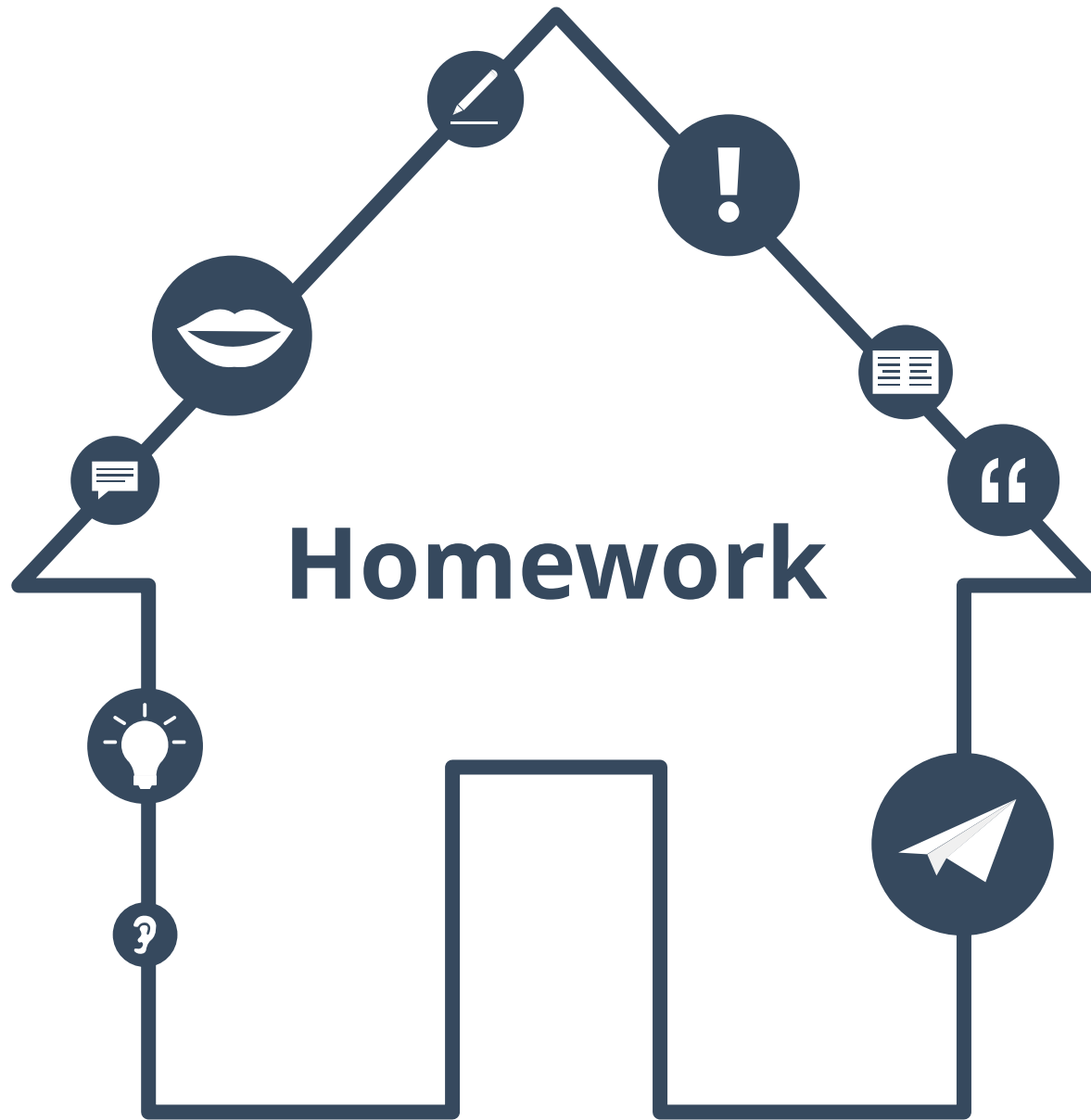
I have studied, he has learned/learnt, we have written, it has taken, she has looked,  
they have waited





## Listening transcription

He 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.





## 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.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. He is excited to be a student again.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. He knows he will have to work very hard.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## My favourite sentences

**Choose your five favourite sentences  
from the three pieces of text.**

A vertical sheet of white paper with a light gray border, designed to look like a page from a spiral-bound notebook. It features a vertical line of ten circular punch holes on the left side and ten horizontal lines for writing across the page.



# My favourite character

**Who is your favourite character in the text?  
What does he or she do in this text?**

My favourite  
character is...

He is...

He does...

She is...

He is not...

She does...

A vertical sheet of white paper with a spiral binding on the left side and horizontal lines for writing.



## Favourite character

**What happens next?  
Write two sentences of the story.**

A white rectangular area with a vertical line on the left side and a series of small circles, resembling a spiral notebook binding. The area contains ten horizontal lines for writing.



## Easy or difficult?

Is the text easy to understand?

Is the text difficult to understand?

Write down an easy sentence and a difficult sentence.

A vertical sheet of white paper with a spiral binding on the left side and horizontal lines for writing, intended for students to record their sentences.



## Homework answer key

2. I will also have to make lots 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.
7. I am excited to be a student again.
8. I know he will have to work very hard.





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