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UK colleges told to be truthful about online lessons

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A regulatory body has warned UK universities to be honest about online lessons. The Office for Students said universities should not promise that lessons from September would be in-person. Thousands of colleges are giving lessons online because of coronavirus. The quality of lessons often depends on how well teachers can use video websites. Cambridge University said its lessons would be online until the summer of 2021.

The body said universities should be "as clear as they can" about the teaching situation. It said no one knows what things will be like in the autumn. It said colleges should not promise students they would have a normal on-campus experience if that is not true. It said students should know the situation before accepting university offers. The body said, "every reasonable effort" should be made to ensure that, "the quality of their teaching is robust".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A regulatory | a. on how well |
| 2. online | b. promise that |
| 3. universities should not | c. video websites |
| 4. giving lessons online because | d. of lessons |
| 5. The quality | e. lessons |
| 6. depends | f. until the summer |
| 7. teachers can use | g. body |
| 8. lessons would be online | h. of coronavirus |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. be as clear | a. effort should be made |
| 2. no one knows what | b. campus experience |
| 3. have a normal on- | c. as they can |
| 4. if that is not | d. is robust |
| 5. students should | e. true |
| 6. accepting university | f. things will be like |
| 7. every reasonable | g. offers |
| 8. the quality of their teaching | h. know the situation |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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about online lessons. The Office for Students said universities (2)
_____ that lessons from September (3)
_____. Thousands of colleges are giving lessons online
because of coronavirus. The (4) _____ often depends on
how well teachers can (5) _____. Cambridge University said
its lessons would be online (6) _____ of 2021.

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about the teaching situation. It said no one knows (8) _____
be like in the autumn. It said colleges should (9) _____
they would have (10) _____ experience if that is not true. It
said students should (11) _____ before accepting university
offers. The body said, "every reasonable effort" should be made to ensure
that, "the quality of their (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ONLINE LESSONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about online lessons in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

