

ENGLISH PRO TIPS. DO YOU WORK OR STUDY? TRANSCRIPT

Do You Work Or Study?

I study (subject)

I'm a (subject) major

I'm in my second year of (subject)

I'm doing a masters/PhD in (subject)

I've just graduated with a degree in (subject)

Why Did You Choose This Subject?

I chose physics because I like to learn about how the world works.

I was good at maths in high school, but chose to study physics as I wanted to study a subject with more theory and experimentation.

It was originally a toss-up between economics and politics, but in the end I went with economics as I figured it would increase my chances of getting a high salary in the future.

Well, to be honest, I didn't know what I wanted to study, however, my parents were **adamant** that I study finance.

A lot of people in my country think that studying finance will help you get a steady job in the future.

Well, I've been interested in history ever since I was a child. When I was in primary school, I had to do a project on ancient Rome. I loved reading about what life was like in past civilisations, and that just **triggered** my love for history.

I chose psychology because I'm interested in how the mind works. There are so many fascinating studies that **shed light** on why we feel the way we feel or why we react in a certain way.

My older sister also studied psychology, and she would always tell me about how fascinating her lectures were. It really was a **no-brainer**.

Frameworks

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Is There Anything You Don't Like About Your Studies?

My university is in the middle of nowhere.

The food in the cafeteria is almost **inedible**.

The tuition fees are **extortionate**.

A lot of the equipment is outdated.

Many of the buildings are falling apart.

The teachers are all over the shop.

The teachers have clear favourites.

We get an unreasonable workload.

The teachers have old fashioned teaching methods.

The lessons are rather **monotonous**.

Many of my peers aren't motivated.

I wish my peers were smarter.

Many of my peers are lazy and just try to **freeload** off those of us who put in the effort.

Many of the other students don't take their work seriously.

What Do You Intend To Do After You Finish Studying?

I've promised my parents I'll graduate, but after that, I want nothing to do with finance ever again.

I will apply for graduate positions as most employers don't hire graduates, they always want experience. I think I have a better chance of getting hired by a company that gives chances to graduates. I wish I had taken a degree with work placement. I think that's the best route into a career. If you create a good impression with the company you're on work placement with, I think there's a good chance they'll hire you.

VOCABULARY

adamant (adjective) - determined not to change your mind or to be persuaded about something

ancient (adjective) - belonging to a period of history that is thousands of years in the past

experimentation (noun) - the activity or process of doing scientific experiments

extortionate (adjective) - much too high

freeload (verb) - taking advantage of other people's generosity without giving anything in return

inedible (adjective) - that you cannot eat because it is of poor quality, or poisonous

monotonous (adjective) - never changing and therefore boring

no-brainer (noun) - a decision or a problem that you do not need to think about much because it is obvious what you should do

shed light (idiom) - to make a problem, etc. easier to understand

theory (noun) - a formal set of ideas that is intended to explain why something happens or exists

triggered (verb) - to make something happen suddenly

work placement (noun) - a job, often as part of a course of study, where you get some experience of a particular kind of work