



## ***Live Lesson Notes***

# **Study**

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## Some useful links

### 1. The **VOCABULARY VAULT**

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## Warm Up

What did you study after you left school?

## Listening Quiz

1. Listen to this young man talk about his studies.



<https://soundcloud.com/keithohare/graduate-alumni-giving-speech>

Who do you think he is talking to?



Answers at bottom of PDF

2. Listen again, and mark the boxes below if he says the exact same words. If you get 3 in a row - type Bingo + the boxes in the chat.



<https://soundcloud.com/keithohare/graduate-alumni-giving-speech>

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**Answers at bottom of PDF**

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## Full Script

When I was sitting where you are now, I remember feeling quite unsure about my future. Everyone kept asking me what I wanted to do with my life, what I wanted to study at university, and to be honest, **I didn't have a clue** (=I didn't know). I didn't have everything **mapped out** (=planned and organised). I just knew that I wanted to go to university.

**In the end**, I chose to study business management. I **picked it** (=I chose it) mainly because it felt practical and flexible. I wasn't one hundred percent sure what career I wanted, but I knew I enjoyed problem-solving, working with people, and I had an interest in the world of business.

Did I enjoy my studies? **For the most part** (=mostly), yes, I'd say so. Some subjects were **genuinely interesting**, you know, especially marketing and entrepreneurship. I really liked them because they felt connected to real life.

That said, some subjects just didn't **spark my interest** (=to create some interest) at all.

And I must admit, there were moments when I struggled. You know, the deadlines, the pressure, and a few modules that didn't really suit me. Believe it or not, at one point, I even considered changing my major.

What stopped me though, was chatting to one tutor who pointed out that actually, no subject is perfect. So I decided to **stick with it** (=to continue) rather than **start again from scratch** (=start from the very beginning) .

**Looking back now**, I'm glad I made that decision. You know, my studies taught me more than just academic knowledge. I learned how to manage my time, work independently, and think more critically. And frankly, those skills have been just as valuable as the degree itself.

So if I could give you **one piece of advice**, it would be this: choose a subject that genuinely interests you, but don't **panic** (=worry) if you feel uncertain. It's normal to question your choices. What matters most is how you engage with your studies, the whole experience of learning and of course, the people you meet there. There you go - oh yes and good luck to you all!

## Useful Chunks

### I didn't have a clue

To be honest, **I didn't have a clue** about what I wanted to study

### In the end... (=finally)

**In the end**, I chose to study business management.

### I chose to study... mainly because...

I chose to study - business management - mainly because - it felt practical and flexible

### For the most part... (=mostly)

**For the most part**, I enjoyed my studies

### Believe it or not...

**Believe it or not** I even considered changing my major.

### At one point, (=at some point in time; past or future)

**At one point**, I even considered changing my major.

**At one point**, I really must start studying Spanish again.

### Looking back now... (=thinking about something past)

**Looking back now**, I'm glad I made that decision.

## IELTS Speaking Vocabulary: Study

*Talking about your studies is such an important topic in IELTS. Not only in the introduction where they ask “Do you work or are you a student?”, but also for other closely related topics such as:*

- Your school
- A teacher you know
- Skills you have learned
- Concentration
- Education
- A hobby

*Here are some useful phrases to talk about your studies in IELTS Speaking*

I'm a student **at** university / college

I'm a student at \_\_\_\_\_ university

*To talk about your studies you can use either present simple or present continuous*

I study French

I'm studying French

*In addition, you can use the present perfect continuous to say how long you have studied.*

I've been studying for 2 months

*Notice we use **FOR** to describe **a period of time***

I've been studying since July

*Notice we use **SINCE** to describe **a point in time***

*Finally, you can develop your answer a little by adding which year you are in.*

I'm in my first year

I'm in my second year

I'm in my final year

*Next, we can talk about whether you like your studies. You should develop your answer a little and say why you like it (or not)*

I like it  
mainly because  
I think it's going to be really useful  
for my future career

I don't like it too much  
mainly because the teacher we have  
is a bit boring  
he doesn't engage us at all

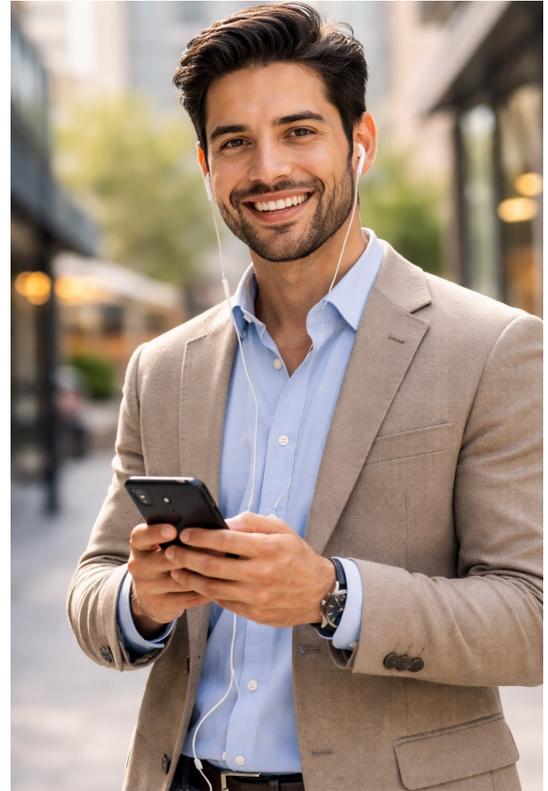
# IELTS Speaking Practise: Study

Can you guess what these people study?

1. Jane



2. Fernando



Listen to each one and see if your guesses were correct.



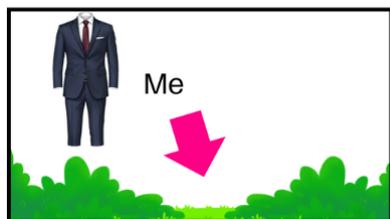
1. [Click to Watch Jane](#)
2. [Click to Watch Fernando](#)

**Answers at bottom of PDF**

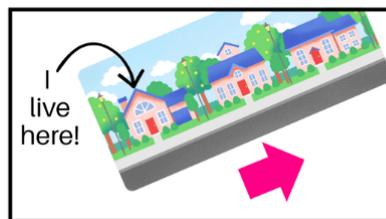
# English Idioms: Study

Can you guess these idioms?

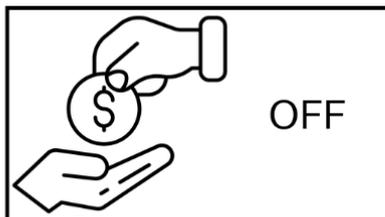
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Answers at bottom of PDF

## Song To Review

‘Study For Our Future’ 

<https://suno.com/s/5BWmdTwE8BvHGceD>

I love you lots  
But I have to hit the books now  
Need to study lots  
Please don't start a row

Believe it or not,  
if I study today  
You know we've got,  
a future that may ...  
Take us places

I've been studying for years  
I am gonna stick at it  
Despite all my fears  
I know we can make it

I don't have a clue  
Where we're gonna go  
I haven't got it mapped out  
But one thing I do know  
Is it will take us places

Yeah, we can put it off  
You can even tell me off  
At times I may feel off  
But I know it will pay off

I don't have a clue  
Where we're gonna go  
I haven't got it mapped out  
But one thing I do know  
Is it will take us places

# ANSWERS

## Listening Bingo

### Answers

1. Students at a high school
2. Answers to Bingo

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## IELTS Speaking Practise: Study

1. Jane

I study **classical art** at college and I'm in my second year, so yeah, I've been studying for almost 2 years now. It's great, I'm having the time of my life. I actually want to be a museum curator when I graduate.

2. Fernando

I'm studying **coding**. I've been studying for just over a year now at university and for the most part, I love it. Mainly because I'm so passionate about AI. I think it's the future. When I graduate, I want to run my own business.

## English Idioms: Study

### 1. To suit me down to the ground

= to be perfect for me

*The flexible timetable at university **suited me down to the ground**, as I like studying independently.*

### 2. To be up my street

= to match my interest and skill very well

*This computer course is **right up my street** because I am passionate about A.I.*

### 3. To pay off

= something brings good results

Something (study, work, dedication) **pays off**

*All those years studying hard really **paid off** in the end because now I have a great job.*