

Seminar 13:

Let's talk...

Education +

Modal Verbs for being polite





Welcome back!!!

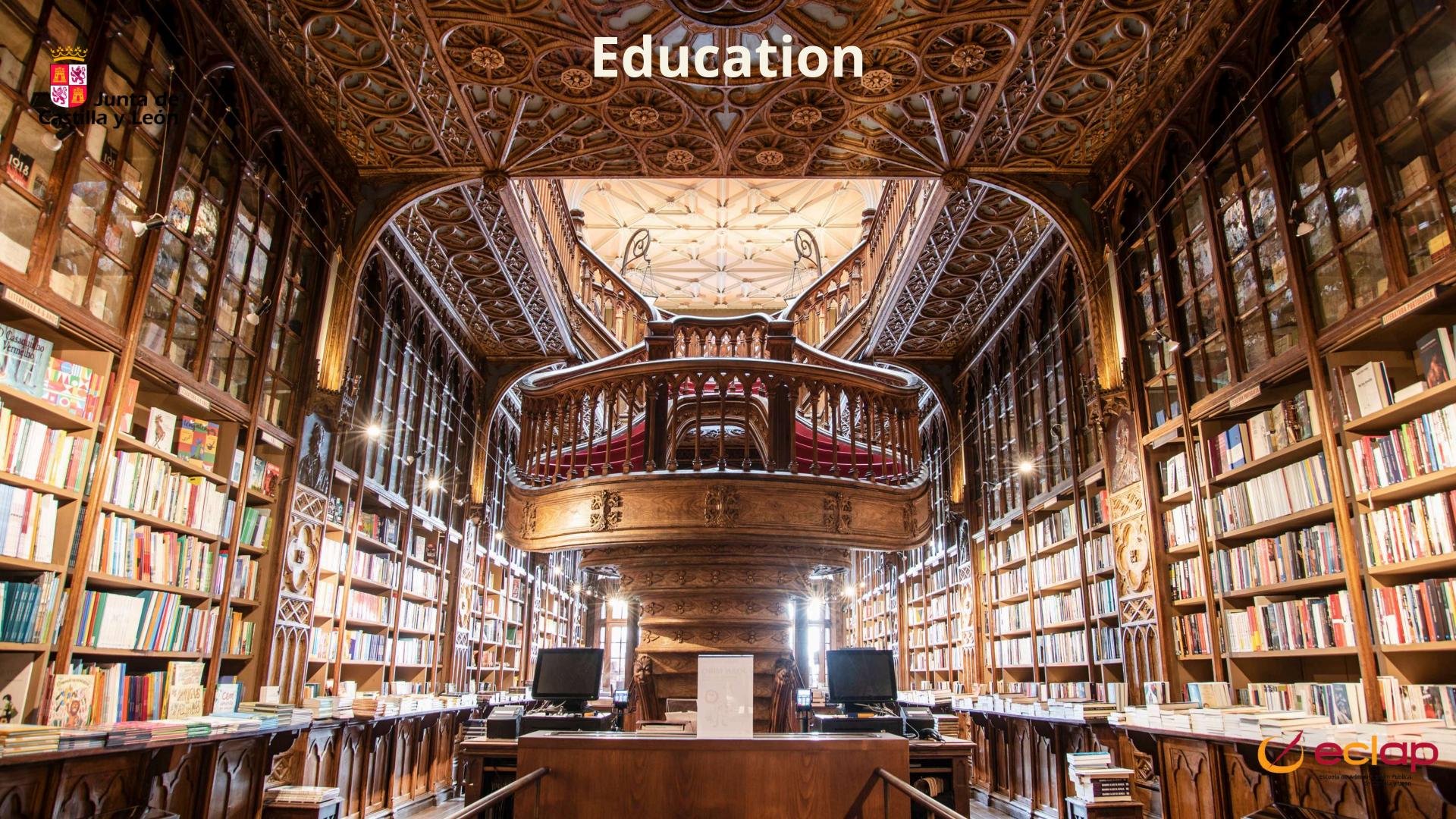




OVERVIEW:

- 1. Relevante Expressions, Verbs & Vocabulary (REVV!)
- 2. Important Grammar: Modal Verbs for being polite
- 3. Precise Pronunciation: Consonante: CH; Vowel: U
- 4. False Friends & Avoiding Common Errors!
- 5. Most common questions Can you answer them?















"Education is essential, but school is optional."

-Unknown

La educación es esencial, pero la escuela es opcional.

















"The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education."

—Albert Einstein

Lo único que interfiere con mi aprendizaje es mi educación.





General Vocabulary

teacher (general) vs professor (university only)

student vs pupil (younger UK)

school vs academy

subject vs theme

classroom

lesson (oral or book) vs lecture (university)

assignment vs homework

quiz vs test vs exam

grades (US) / marks (UK) /score

textbook vs. notebook vs. workbook

bookstore vs library

profesor (general) vs profesor (de universidad)

estudiante vs alumno

escuela versus academia

asignatura/tema vs tema

aula

lección (oral o libro) versus conferencia (universitaria)

tarea vs deberes

control vs prueba vs examen

notas/calificaciones (US) / notas (UK) / puntuación

libro de texto vs cuaderno vs libro de ejercicios

librería vs biblioteca





General Vocabulary

university/college vs vocational school

diploma (academic) vs certificate (professional)

schedule (US) vs timetable (UK)

practicum, work study, internship

get a bachelors degree

final project

get a masters degree

thesis

a PhD (doctorate)

dissertation

medical degree

MBA

law degree

universidad/facultad vs formación profesional

diploma (académico) vs certificado (profesional)

horario (US) vs horario (UK)

práctica, (ser un becario)

obtener una licenciatura

proyecto final

obtener un grado de maestría (un Masters)

tesis

doctorado (doctorado)

disertación

grado médico

grado legal

MBA





"School is where you learn that 'stressed' is just 'desserts' spelled backward.
Coincidence? I think not!"

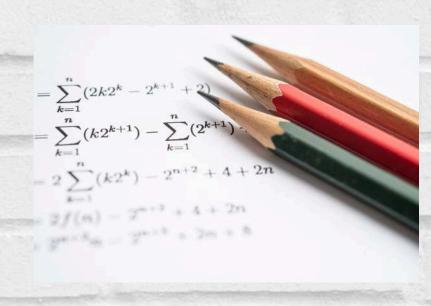
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Basic Adjectives



easy difficult interesting boring educational academic practical relevant

fácil difícil interesante aburrido educativo académico práctico



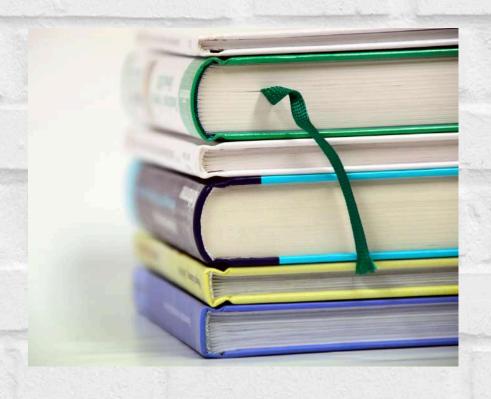
relevante / importante





Basic Verbs!

VERBS: To...



teach enseñar learn read leer speak hablar

aprender **study** estudiar write escribir listen escuchar



understand / comprehend entender / comprender





Key verbs!

VERBS: To... attend class asistir a clase

miss class perder clase

skip class saltarse una clase

make up work / an assignment trabajo/tarea de recuperación

cheat copiar en examen

plagiarize plagiar

pass a test / pass the class aprobar un examen o aprobar una asignatura

fail/flunk suspender

get a grade obtener una calificación

graduate graduarse

graduate with honours graduarse con honores

get into college entrar a la universidad





verbs & expressions

VERBS:

go to school ir al colegio

pay attention prestar atención

ask a question hacer una pregunta

answer a question responder una pregunta

have a discussion tener una charla/conversación

do an exercise hacer un ejercicio

do an activity hacer una actividad

do a project hacer un proyecto

do homework hacer los deberes

solve a problem resolver un problema

turn in assignments entregar tareas

write a paper/composition escribir un trabajo/redacción

take a test / sit an exam (standardized) hacer un examen/presentarse a un examen

get good grades sacar buenas notas

hands-on learning aprendizaje práctico





"School is the place where 'time' and 'fun' are inversely proportional."

— Unknown

La escuela es el lugar donde "tiempo" y "diversión" son inversamente proporcionales.





Al-related terms

Adaptive Learning Platforms:

These Al-powered tools evaluate students' learning levels and customize classes to suit their needs. Some examples are Dreambox, Knewton, and Carnegie Learning.

Intelligent Tutoring Systems:

These tools use AI to give students individualized feedback and direction as they work through issues and learn new material. Some examples are Carnegie Learning, ALEKS, and Knewton.

Virtual Learning Assistants:

These Al-powered assistants respond quickly to questions from students providing them with instant help and feedback. Examples of such tools include IBM Watson Assistant and Adaface.



Al-related terms

Chatbots:

Chatbots such as ChatGPT can provide support outside of the classroom, such as answering questions about homework assignments, giving feedback on pronunciation and grammar, and even be programmed to help students learn a new language.

Natural Language Processing (NLP):

NLP is used to study and understand human language, supporting the development of chatbots, voice assistants, and other Al-powered user interfaces that can have natural-language conversations with students. Some examples of NLP-powered tools are Duolingo, Grammarly, and LanguageTool.

Speech Recognition:

Speech recognition technologies help assess students' pronunciation and fluency, providing them with feedback on how to improve. Some examples include Language Learning with Netflix,

Rosetta Stone, and Google Speech Recognition.



Al-related terms

Predictive Analytics:

These Al-powered tools help teachers intervene and assist students as needed by analyzing student data and forecasting performance. Some examples of predictive analytics tools are Edmentum, BrightBytes, and Skyward.

Sentiment Analysis:

Sentiment analysis tools examine the tone of student comments to gauge how satisfied they are with any individual learning experience. Some examples of sentiment analysis tools are IBM Watson, RapidMiner, and Alteryx.

Learning Analytics:

These tools analyze data from various sources to provide insights into student learning patterns, preferences, and behaviors. Some examples of learning analytics tools are Blackboard,

Brightspace, and Canvas.



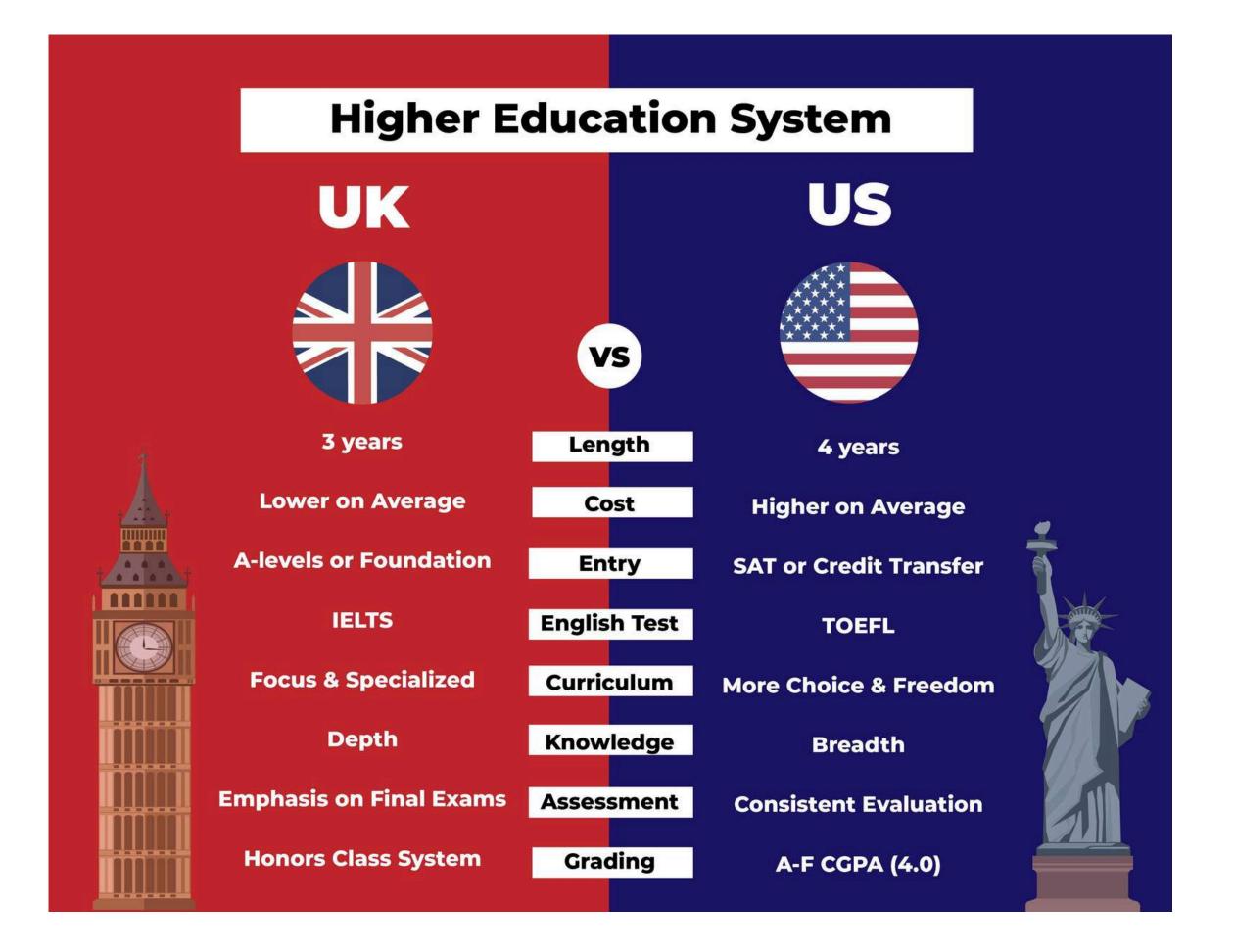




Education in the UK				Education in the US			
3	Nursery	Foundation	Nursery so	hool	Preschool	under 6	Various programmes (such as HEAD START)
		stage			Pre	4-5	Pre-Kindergarten
4	Reception		Infant school	Primary school	7		
5	Year 1	KS1			Elementary School	5-6	Kindergarten
6	Year 2					6-7	1st Grade
7	Year 3	K52	Junior school			7-8	2nd Grade
8	Year 4					8-9	3rd Grade
9	Year 5					9-10	4th Grade
10	Year 6					10-11	5th Grade
11	Year 7	KS 3 KS 4 GCSE	Secondary school	Secondary school with sixth form	Middle School	11-12	6th Grade
12	Year 8					12-13	7th Grade
13	Year 9					13-14	8th Grade
14	Year 10				High school	14-15	9th Grade (Freshman)
15	Year 11					15-16	10th Grade (Sophomore)
16	Year 12 (Lower Sixth)	6 th form A level	College 6 th form college			16-17	11th Grade (Junior)
17	Year 13 (Upper Sixth)					17-18	12th Grade (Senior)











The US University System

VERBS: To...

EXAMPLES:

The main highlight of the <u>US universities</u> is their <u>focus on research-oriented learning</u>. In the American education system, <u>researchers</u> are always at the forefront and <u>always look out to develop something new</u>. <u>Innovation and creativity</u> always remain at the core of their educational philosophy. In the US, regular testing/homework and classroom <u>participation is mandatory</u> for getting a good result. Students are encouraged to <u>discuss the issues and focus on providing ideas</u>.





"The more you learn, the more you earn."

-Warren Buffett

Cuanto más aprendes, más ganas.





POLL TIME!







Poll time

- 1. What is the best-ranked education system in the world?
- a. Sweeden
- b. Spain
- c. The United States
- d. Germany
- e. The United Kingdom





Global ranking of top performing education systems

(total out of 100-point scale)

According to CEOWORLD 2024

Rank	Country	Quality Index	Opportunity Index
1	United Kingdom	78.2	69.79
2	United States	72	68.74
3	Australia	70.5	67.52
4	Netherlands	70.3	67.21
5	Sweden	70.1	66.96
6	France	69.9	66.3
7	Denmark	69.8	62.54
8	Canada	69.8	61.01
9	Germany	69.5	60.64
10	Switzerland	68.3	60.12





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According to CEOWORLD 2024

40	Austria	57.3	46.25
41	Slovakia	57	46.25
42	Hong Kong	56.9	46.22
43	Italy	56.9	46.13
44	Kuwait	56.7	45.96
45	Spain	56.1	45.71
46	Brazil	56	45.52
47	Romania	55.8	45.19





Global ranking of top performing education systems

According to www.edsys.in/best -education-system-in-theworld/ 2024

1	Finland	
2	Japan	
3	South Korea	
4	Denmark	
5	Russia	

6	Norway	
7	United Kingdom	
8	Israel	
9	Sweden	
10	Hongkong	





Poll time

2. What is Spain's BEST quality with respect to its education system?

- a. It is rigorous
- b. Almost everyone graduates
- c. Students are prepared for the working world
- d. It is very inexpensive
- e. Students end up with a lot of general knowledge





- 3. Is AI (artificial intelligence) good or bad for education?
- a. Good
- b. Bad
- c. Undecided





4. What is the most important aspect of education?

- a. system
- b. teachers
- c. materials (books, audio-visual, etc.)
- d. classmates





Poll time

5. Do you feel as if you received a good education in Spain?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Mixed feelings





Poll time

Why does Finland rank as the Top Education System in the World?

·Finland offers free education to citizens with no dead ends.

·Finlandia ofrece educación gratuita a los ciudadanos sin callejones sin salida.

·The country has been a top performer on every program for International Student Assessment Survey.

·El país ha obtenido los mejores resultados en todos los programas de la Encuesta Internacional de Evaluación de Estudiantes.

·Finland follows American education research and philosophers (Ex: John Dewey), and are inspired by them

·Finlandia sigue la investigación y los filósofos estadounidenses sobre educación, y 🥢 ec se inspiran en ellos.





Poll time

Why does Finland rank as the Top Education System in the World?

The education system of Finland is celebrated in great esteem and is considered as one of the best education systems in the world. For years, this country outperformed the United States in science, math, and reading.

El sistema educativo de Finlandia goza de gran estima y está considerado como uno de los mejores sistemas educativos del mundo. Durante años, este país superó a Estados Unidos en ciencias, matemáticas y lectura.











Grammar Focus:

Modal Verbs:
for being
polite





Politeness









Politeness







Modal Verbs!!!

can could Would should may might Muss Will





Modal Auxiliary Verb Overview

I work this Saturday. I can work this Saturday. I may work this Saturday. I might work this Saturday. I will work this Saturday. I would work this Saturday. I could work this Saturday. I shall work this Saturday. I should work this Saturday. I must work this Saturday.

Trabajo este sábado. Puedo trabjar este sábado. Puede que trabaje este sábado. Puede que trabaje este sábado. Trabajaré este sábado. Trabajaría este sábado. Podía trabajar este sábado. Trabajaré este sábado. Debería trabajar este sábado. Debo trabajar este sábado.



Modal Auxiliary Verb Overview

RULES REVIEW:

1) NO 'to' before or after

2) no 's'

3) no conjugation

4) not together

I can to finish it before next week.

I should practice speaking more.

She musts do it.

I may do it. He may do it. You may do it. We may do it. They may do it.

At the end of the course he will be able to know how to write technical reports.





Modal verbs are helping/auxiliary verbs that express ideas like ability, permission, and asking for assistance.

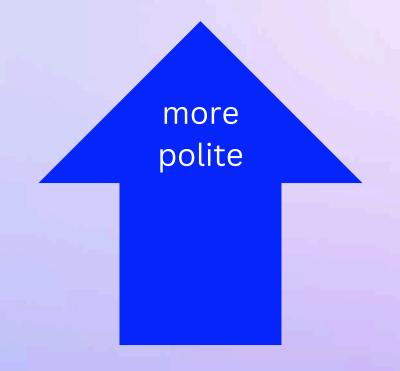
Many modal verbs
have more than one meaning.
They are always followed by
the simple form of a verb.





PERMISSION & REQUESTS

When talking to someone else with the focus on that person, these five questions are made with modal verbs:



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Would you mind...?
Would you...?
Could you...?
Will you...?
Can you...?
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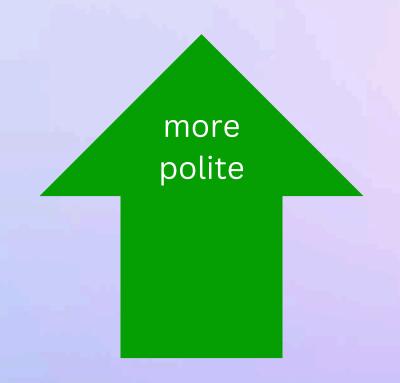
more polite Would you mind...please explaining that to me again?
Would you...please kindly explain that to me again?
Could you...please explain that to me again?
Will you...please explain that to me again?
Can you...please explain that to me again?





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When talking to someone else with the focus on 'l', these five questions are made with modal verbs:



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Would it be possible for me...?

Might I...?

May I...?

Could I...?
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PERMISSION & REQUESTS

When talking to someone else with the focus on 'l', these five questions are made with modal verbs:

Would it be possible for me... to speak to the director, please?

Might I...please speak to the director?

May I...please speak to the director?

Could I...please speak to the director?

Can I...please speak to the director?





MIGHT MAY COULD CAN

be permitted to/ be allowed to

PERMISSION & REQUESTS (present)

Might I ask for your assistance with finding the customer service desk? (¿Puedo pedirle ayuda para encontrar el servicio de atención al cliente?)

• Answer: Of course! You will need to go to the first floor.

May I have a moment of your time to discuss a project? (¿Puedo tener un momento de su tiempo para discutir un proyecto?)

• Answer: Certainly, please go ahead. You may share your ideas.

Could I leave my bag here in the reception for a moment? (¿Puedo dejar mi bolso aquí en la recepción un momento.)

Answer: Certainly! You can leave it here as long as you need.

Can I borrow your bicycle for the day?

(¿Puedo tomar prestada tu bicicleta por el día?)

Answer: Yeah, sure. You can borrow it the whole day.





PERMISSION & REQUESTS (present)

MIGHT MAY COULD CAN

Remember: These modal verbs convey different degrees of permission. If you use non-modals it sounds quite **formal**:

be permitted to/ be allowed to Were they permitted to take photographs inside the museum? Were you allowed to enter the building without a visitor pass?

¿Se les permitió tomar fotografías dentro del museo? ¿Se le permitió entrar al edificio sin un pase de visitante?





Speaking Politely

Direct / Rude

VS.

Indirect / Polite

Who is calling? We will reschedule the meeting. Check please. (raising your hand) Send me the information.

May I ask who is calling?



Can/Could we reschedule the meeting?



Can/Could/May I have the check please?





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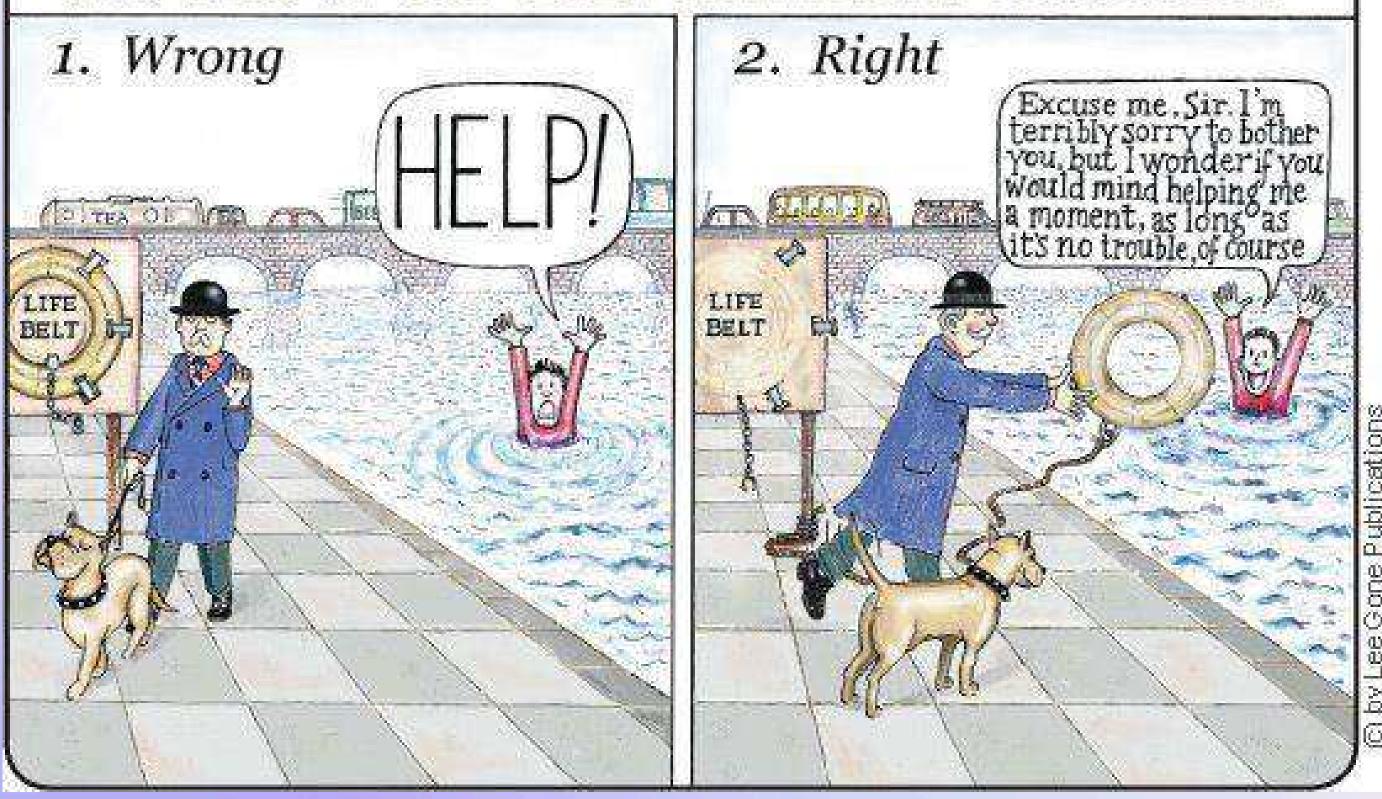
Will/Can/Could you send me information please?

Would it be possible to send me information please?





The HOW TO BE BRITISH collection









How to Be Polite in English

Asking for Permission

Do you mind if ...
Would it be a problem if...
I was wondering if I could...

Not Understanding

Sorry? Pardon (me)? Excuse me?

Disagreeing

I see what you're saying, but I think...
You could be right, but don't forget that...

Turning Down an Invitation

I'm afraid I can't...
I'd love to but...
That sounds great but...

Making Requests/Asking For Son

Can I/Could I...
May I...







Expressions to be polite:

QUESTIONS:

Can you please...? Could you please...? Do you mind if...? Would you mind...? Would it be possible to ...? I was wondering if...? By any chance...? What if...? Pardon me...? Sorry to bother you,...?





Expressions to be polite:

EXPRESSING PREFERENCES:

I want...

I would like...

I would love to, but...

I'd love to hear more, but...

I would rather...





Expressions to be polite:

SAYING NO POLITELY:

I'm afraid,...
I'd love to, but...
I'm sorry but...
That sounds great, but...
Thank you, but no thank you.





General rules for speaking politely

more direct = shorter

Pass me the salt please.

Do you want something to eat?

What do you want to eat?

Do you want some dessert?

Do you need anything?

Can you stay for dinner?

I think it's a good idea to leave early

in the morning.

Do you want to go to London for the day?

Give me some advice.

more polite = longer

Could you pass the salt please?

Would you like something to eat?

What would you like to eat?

Would you like some dessert?

Did you need anything? (in past)

I was wondering if you could stay for dinner.

I was thinking it would be a good idea to leave early

in the morning.

I was thinking we could go to London for the day.

I was wondering if you could give me some advice.



Junta de Castilla y León

General rules for speaking politely

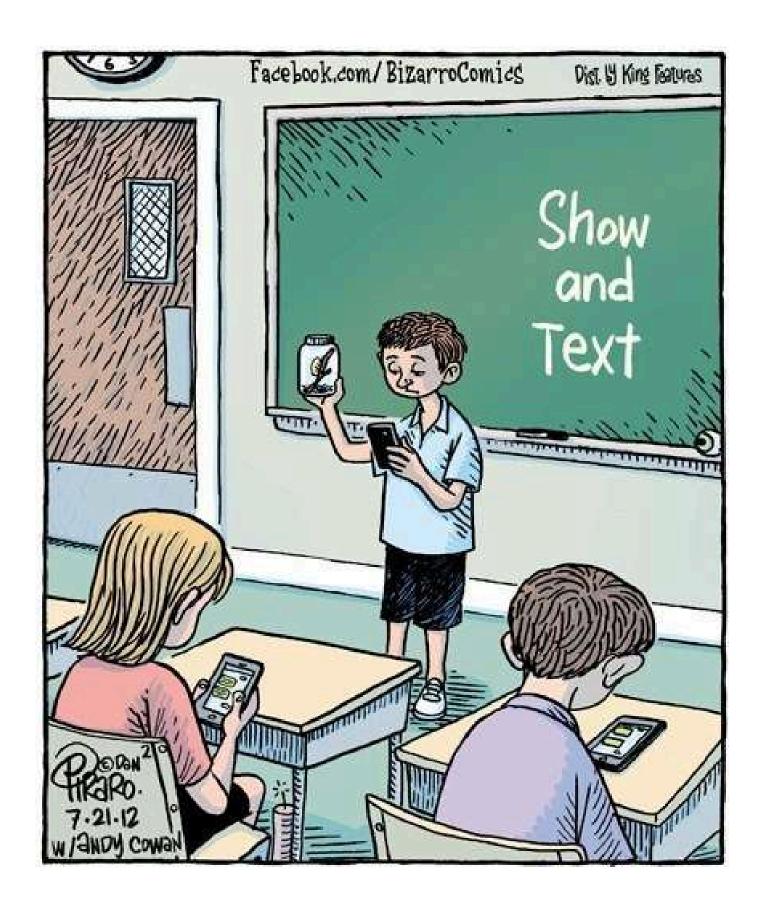
more direct = shorter more polite = longer

- 1. "Speak louder." 1. "Sorry, I can't hear you very well." /
 "Could you speak a little louder?"
- 2. "Speak slower." 2. "Could you possibly speak a little slower?"
 - 3. "Wait." 3. "Just a moment, please" /
 "Could you wait just a moment, please."
- 4. "What?""| don't understand." 4. "I can't quite understand..." |

 "I'm having problems understanding..."
 - 5. "Please repeat." 5. "Could you please repeat that." / "Would you mind saying that again?"
 - 6. "I know." 6. "Could I suggest something?"
 - 7. "Let's go." 7. "Shall we go?" "Shall we leave?" / "Shall we start?"











Precise Pronunciation:

















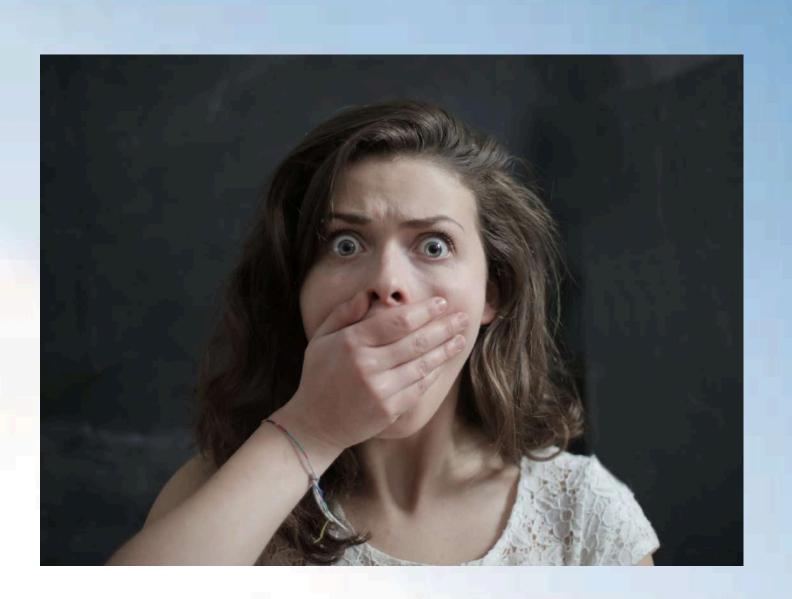








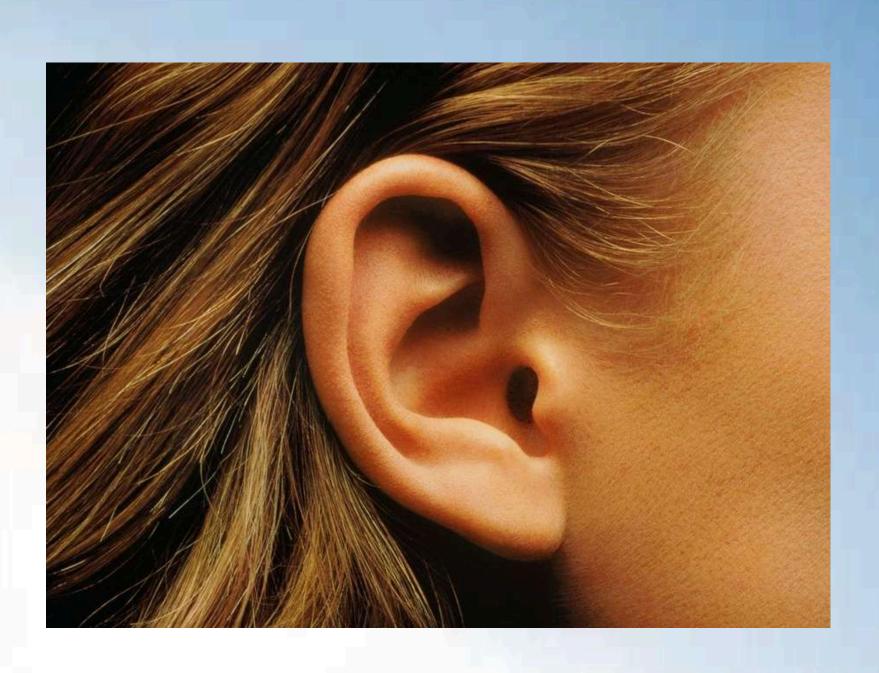
















Consonant focus:







Consonant:

'ch' = 'CH'

cheese chair champion change challenge chief chocolate chariot chicken child church chance choice

catch coach each teach teacher much such itch kitchen pitch watch witch





Consonant:

chameleon chaos character characteristic charisma chemistry chlorine cholesterol choreographer choir chord chorus **Christ** Christian **Christmas**

'ch' = 'K'

scheme school scholar

architect archaeologist orchestra

psychiatrist psychologist Psychic

anchor echo Michael **Nicholas** mechanic synchronise technology /tech zucchini

> ache Czech hierarchy monarch stomach





Precise Pronunciation:

Consonant:

'ch' = SH

champagne charade chef parachute brochure machine moustache quiche

> Michigan Chicago





Precise Pronunciation: Castilla y León Procise Pronunciation:

'Ch' Challenge:

The coaches and teachers changed the challenge for each child from chasing chariots to catching chickens in the kitchen.

The choir sang a characteristic Christmas song chorus with charisma while synchronizing with the orchestra.

The school's psychologist asked Michael about the chaos possibly causing his stomach ache and head ache.

The brochure showed a picture of a man with a moustache eating quiche in Chicago.

The chef chose to change the recipe ingredients from cheese and chocolate to champagne and zucchini.





Precise Pronunciation: Castilla y León Precise Pronunciation:

Vowel:







Precise Pronunciation: Castilla y León Procisation:

Vowel: 'U'

There are more than 10 different ways to pronounce 'u'!





PRONOUNCING

LONG vs. SHORT vowels:

'LONG'/LETTER vs. 'SHORT' sounds with the SILENT 'e'

LONG/LETTER sound with silent 'e' SHORT sound without silent 'e'

Same LONG sound different spelling

EXCEPTIONS!

/aI/ kite, bite, site, live, alive, wine, pile

/I/ kit, bit, sit, fit, hit, win, pill, ill

/aI/ sight, fight, height, bind, aisle/I'll

/I/ to live, to give

/u/ use, abuse, huge, /// us, a bus, hug, /u/ beautiful, cute, fuse cut, fuss Houston, Hugh

 $//\partial //\Lambda /$ about, the





Vowel:

Ukraine unicorn uniform union unique unit united university used used to usually

u = 'Ú' / 'you'

accumulate asimulate community computer fuel future human humor music

confuse excuse refuse reuse

compute dispute refute

costume perfume resume* volume

argue continue

barbecue cue rescue queue

> issue tissue

statue value





Vowel:

use mute huge hue Hume fuse cute Cuba amuse abuse

/// u = uh

US mutt hug huh hum fuss cut cub a must a bus





Vowel:

/// u = uh

bun bus but butter cup cut duck fun funny just luck lunch

nut put (golf) run sub summer Sunday tunnel umbrella unbelievable under uncle up



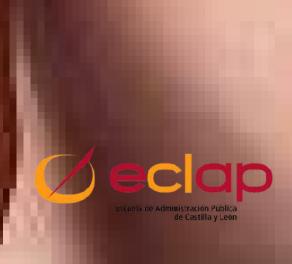
Vowel: /3://ər/

burn burden curse endure fur hurt murder surface **Thursday** turn

/3://ər/ /ʒər/ u='er' u='er'

closure exposure measure pleasure pressure procedure /tʃər/ u = 'er'

adventure capture feature gesture literature mixture nature picture sculpture structure texture





Vowel:

/ប/ u = 'uu'

bush butcher cushion pudding push put sugar would could should





Precise Pronunciation:

Vowel:

/u:/ u = 'oo'

blue June true flu

soup group wound recoup

cruise fruit juice suit





Vowel:

u = 'ih'

busy business businessman business-like build building built





Precise Pronunciation: Castilla y León Procise Pronunciation:

Vowel:

contribution diffusion distribution prosecution substitution* /u:/ u = 'oo'

conclusion illusion pollution solution revolution evolution



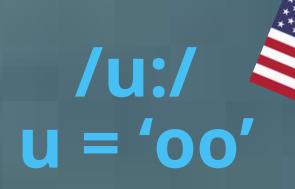


Vowel:



deduce introduce produce reduce seduce

assume consume presume resume



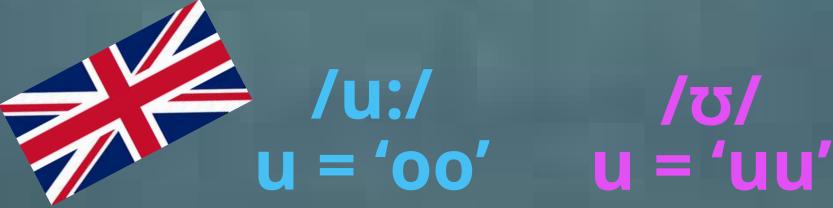
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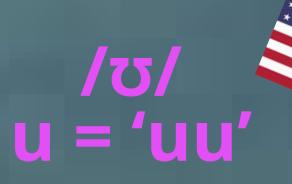




Vowel:



bullet bully full pull



bullet bully full pull





Vowel:



cure endure obscure pure secure

/jʊr/ \square'
u = 'you're' cure endure obscure pure secure





sure insure endure unsure measure /3:/ /ʊr/ u = 'er'

sure insure endure unsure measure





Vowel:

u = silent catalogue colleague guard guess guide guilty

guitar

technique

tongue





Vowel:

/schwa/ /n/ a = uh

> a lot about across around asleep petal umbrella was (US) what (US) zebra





Vowel:

put = (but) = golf

minute = min-youte

lettuce = let-youce

bury = ???





Precise Pronunciation: Castilla y León Procise Pronunciation:

Vowel:

put = (but) = golf /pΛt/ put = (foot) = (poner) /pʊt/

minute = mi-nit /i/ SCHWA

minute = my-noot /u:/

lettuce = **let-us** // /

bury = berry



Vowel:

The 'u' after a 'q' is always pronounced!

> quality qualification question quote quiet quite quit





Precise Pronunciation:

Vowel:

The 'u' after a 'q' is always pronounced!

> quality qualification question quote quiet quite quit

(except at the end of the word: technique, plaque, etc.)



'U' Challenge:

Just last Thursday a group of business colleagues united over a barbecue lunch to discuss how they would turn an undeveloped building into a fun community centre to rescue under-privileged youth. While enjoying a fruit dessert, they argued about whether or not they should add humour by having a statue of a furry unicorn or a funny blue duck. In the end, after all the contributed ideas, they decided unanimously to put both the unicorn and duck statues under a huge umbrella in the upper level of the building as the 'guardians' of the community centre. It was a truly unique idea, of course, just for pure fun. They ensured the building will be under construction soon and will be done by the end of the summer.



"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

—Mahatma Gandhi

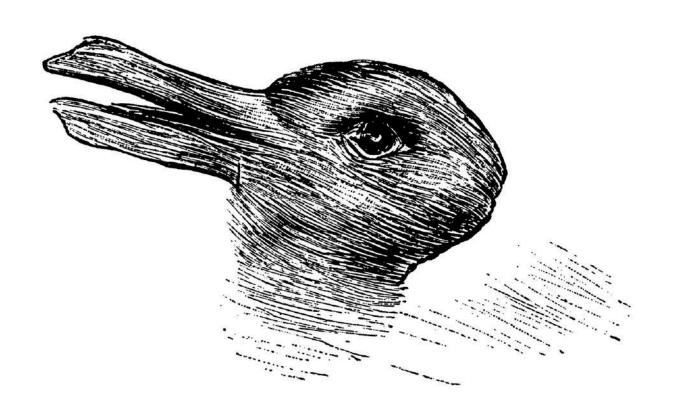
Vive como si fueras a morir mañana. Aprende como si fueras a vivir para siempre.







False Friends







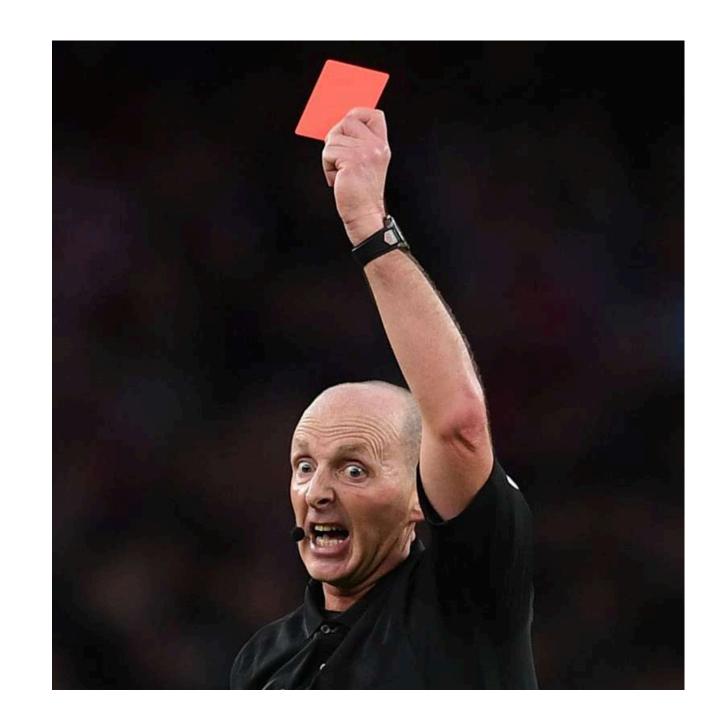




False Friends



CONFUSION!!







Spanish word: carrera

False equivalent: career

= professional period of life. (vida professional)

Error: In university my career was microbiology.

False Friends (1)

Correct word: degree

Definition:

the qualification you receive when you complete your studies



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Spanish word: curso

False equivalent: course

= Estudio sobre una materia, desarrollada con unidad

Error: He is in his third course in the university.

False Friends (2)

Correct word: year

Definition:

the period on the calendar measuring an academic period of study



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Spanish word: promoción

False equivalent: promotion

= una promoción (solo en el trabajo)

Error: They are from the same promotion from 2017.

False Friends (3)

Correct word: graduating class

Definition:

group of students that graduate in the same year

They are from the same graduating class from 2017.





Spanish word: asignatura

False equivalent:

signature

= firma escrito

Error: What was your favourite signature in school?

False Friends (4)

Correct word: subject / class

Definition:

a period of focused instruction of a particular area

What was your favourite subject/class in school?





Spanish word: oposiciones

False equivalent: opositions

= un grupo o individuo que opone

Error: He has to pass the oppositions in order to go to medical school.

False Friends (5)

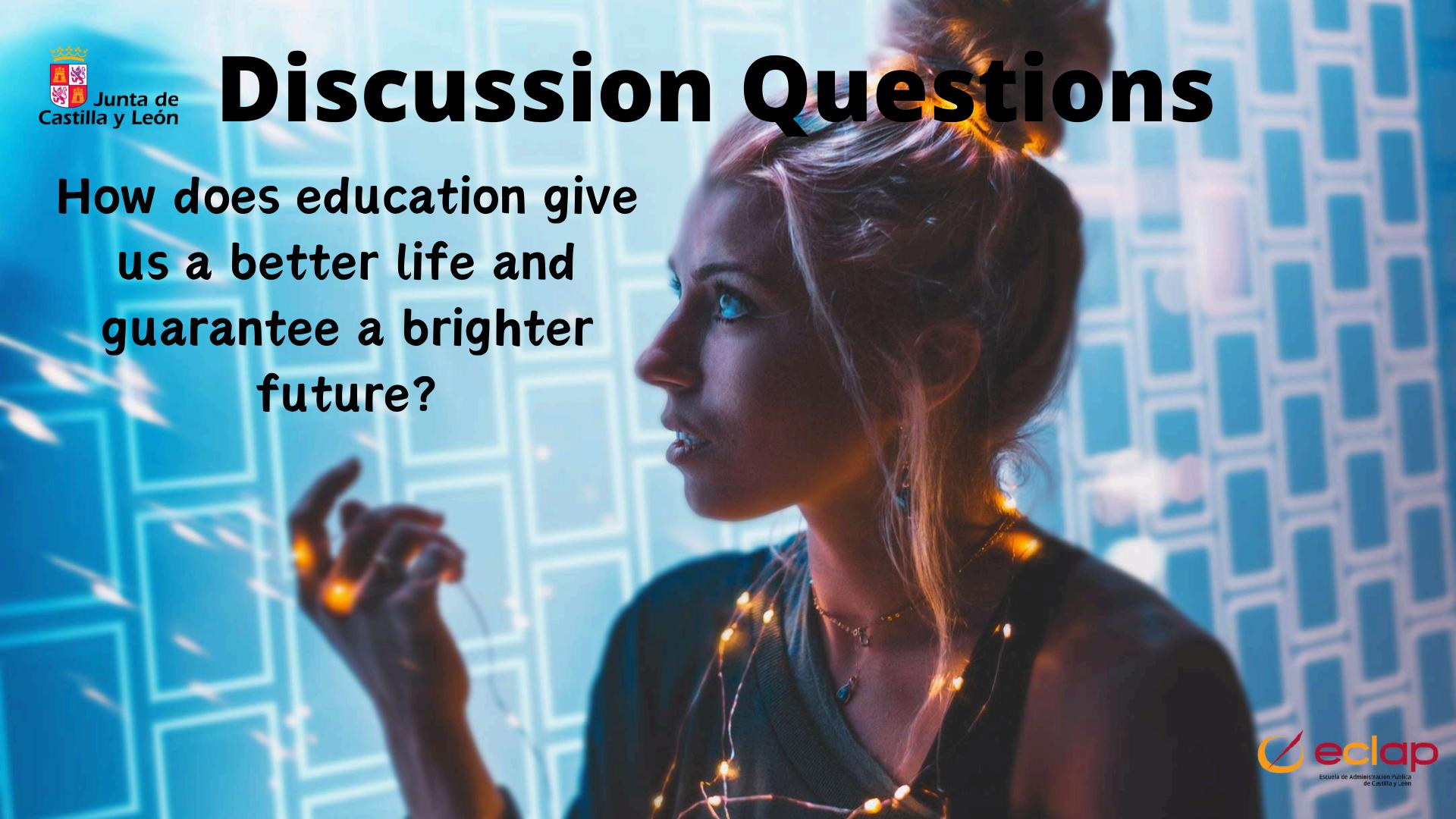
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entrance exam / standardized exam

Definition:

a test to see if someone should be admitted to a school

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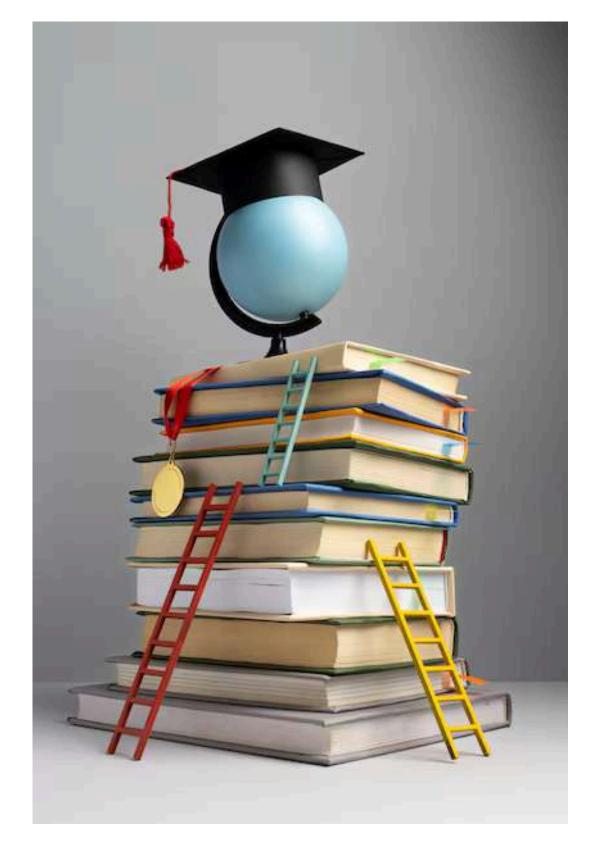
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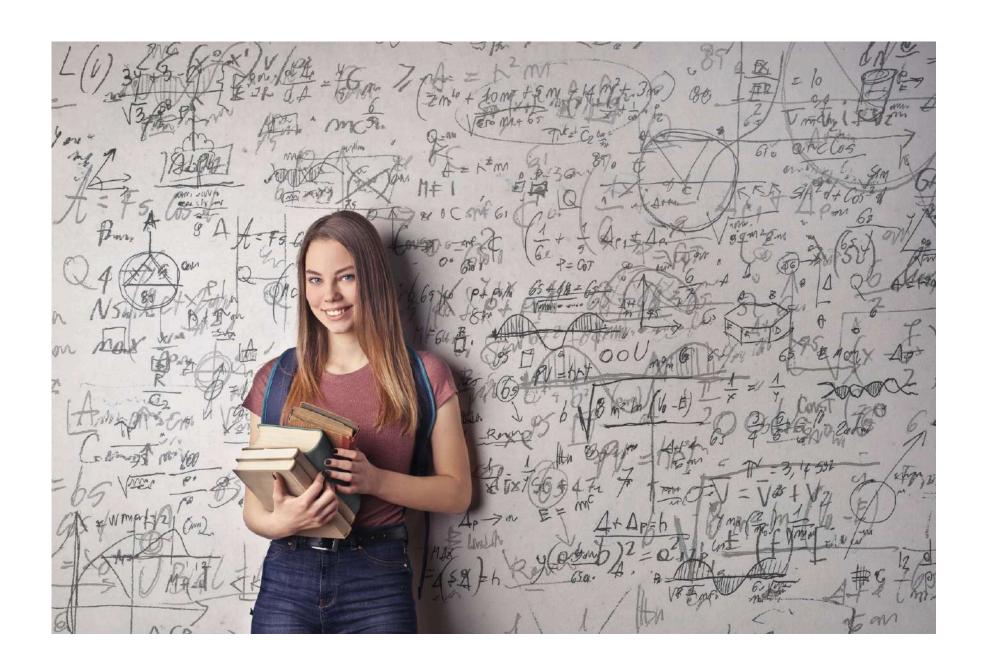
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