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THE ARTICLE

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A regulatory body in the UK that looks after student affairs has warned universities to be honest about online lessons. The Office for Students issued a request to higher education providers not to make promises that lessons from September will be in-person or face-to-face. Currently, thousands of institutions worldwide are delivering lessons online because of the coronavirus pandemic. The quality of these lessons quite often depends on the proficiency of teachers to successfully exploit video conferencing platforms to replicate a classroom experience. The body said: "Tailored support needs to be put in place." Cambridge University has announced all of its lessons will be online until the summer of 2021.

The Office for Students chief executive, Nicola Dandridge, warned universities and colleges to be "as clear as they can" when informing students of what kind of teaching situation they will receive. She said: "None of us knows exactly what is going to be happening in the autumn. What we don't want to see is promises that it's all going to be back to usual with an on-campus experience, when that is not the case." She added: "The point here is absolute clarity to students so they know what they are getting in advance to accepting [university] offers." She said that, "every reasonable effort" should be made to ensure that students, "receive good outcomes and that the quality of their teaching is robust".

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WARM-UPS

- **1. ONLINE LESSONS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about online lessons. Change partners often and share your findings.
- **2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

regulatory body / universities / online lessons / face-to-face / worldwide / summer / executive / clear / autumn / promises / experience / clarity / reasonable / quality

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

- **3. CLASSROOM:** Students A **strongly** believe the classroom is a better place to learn than online; Students B **strongly** believe online is better. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.
- **4. ONLINE CLASSES:** What are the good and bad things about online classes? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Technology		
Homework		
Classmates		
Teacher		
Time		
Classmates		

- **5. STUDENT:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "student". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.
- **6. LEARNING:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to learn online at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

English

cookery

car mechanics

coding

· customer service

gardening

yoga

art

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- regulatory
 Make full use of and derive benefit from a resource.
- 2. affairs b. Matters of importance to someone or people.
- 3. issued c. An organisation or business that makers available something for use.
- 4. provider d. Serving or intended to control something to keep it in good order.
- 5. pandemic e. Made or adapted for a particular purpose or person.
- 6. exploit f. Formally sent out or made known.
- 7. tailored g. Of a disease that is in many places over a whole country or the world.

Paragraph 2

- 8. executive h. The quality of being certain or definite.
- 9. exactly i. The grounds and buildings of a university or college.
- 10. campus j. The way a thing turns out; a consequence.
- 11. clarity k. A person with senior managerial responsibility in a business organization.
- 12. reasonable I. Without error or mistake (used to emphasize the accuracy of something).
- outcomes m. Of a process, system, organization, etc. able to survive or overcome very difficult conditions.
- 14. robust n. Based on good sense.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200521-online-lessons.html

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A teachers' union has warned universities to be honest. T/F
- b. A regulatory body told universities not to make promises they can't keep. T / F
- c. Lesson quality varies because of teacher-proficiency in technology. **T/F**
- d. Cambridge University will start face-to-face lessons this September. T / F
- e. A chief executive stressed to colleges that clarity was important. **T / F**
- f. The executive said we all know what will happen in the autumn. **T/F**
- g. The article said many students are refusing university offers. T / F
- h. A chief executive said teaching quality should be robust. T / F

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- 1. body
- 2. issued
- 3. depends on
- 4. exploit
- 5. replicate
- 6. warned
- 7. informing
- 8. absolute
- 9. in advance
- 10. outcomes

- a. total
- b. make the most of
- c. results
- d. sent out
- e. cautioned
- f. copy
- g. rests on
- h. beforehand
- i. telling
- j. organisation

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- 1. A regulatory
- 2. higher education
- 3. be in-person or
- 4. depends on the proficiency
- 5. announced all of its lessons
- 6. be as clear
- 7. it's all going to be back
- 8. absolute
- 9. know what they are getting in
- 10. students receive good

- a. outcomes
- b. will be online
- c. of teachers
- d. as they can
- e. to usual
- f. body
- q. advance
- h. providers
- i. clarity
- i. face-to-face

GAP FILL

 ${\color{red} \textbf{From}} \ \ \, \underline{\textbf{https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200521-online-lessons.html}}$

A regulatory body in the UK that looks after student	pandemic
(1) has warned universities to be honest about	request
online lessons. The Office for Students issued a (2)	announced
to higher education providers not to make promises that lessons from September will be in-(3) or face-to-face.	proficiency
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lessons online because of the coronavirus (4) The	affairs
quality of these lessons quite often depends on the	replicate
of teachers to successfully exploit video conferencing platforms to (6) a classroom experience. The body said: "Tailored support needs to be put in	place
(7)" Cambridge University has (8)	
all of its lessons will be online until the summer of 2021.	
The Office for Students chief (9), Nicola Dandridge,	advance
warned universities and colleges to be "as (10) as	executive
they can" when (11) students of what kind of	affairs
teaching situation they will receive. She said: "None of us knows exactly what is going to be happening in the autumn. What we	informing
don't want to see is (12) that it's all going to be	ensure
back to usual with an on-campus experience, when that is not the	clear
(13)" She added: "The point here is absolute clarity	promises
to students so they know what they are getting in	case
(14) to accepting [university] offers." She said that,	case
"every reasonable effort" should be made to (15)	
that students, "receive good outcomes and that the quality of their	

LISTENING — Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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(5) experience. The body said: "Tailored support
needs to be put in place." Cambridge University has
(6) its lessons will be online until the summer of
2021.
The Office for Students chief executive, Nicola Dandridge, warned
universities and colleges to be "(7) they can" when
informing students of what kind of teaching situation they will receive. She
said: "None of (8) what is going to be happening in
the autumn. What we don't want to (9) that it's all
going to be back to usual with an on-campus experience, when that is not
the case." She added: "The point here (10) to
students so they know what they are getting in advance to accepting
[university] offers." She said that, "(11)" should be
made to ensure that students, "(12) and that the
quality of their teaching is robust".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1.	What is the name of the regulatory body mentioned in the article?
2.	How many institutions did the article say was delivering online lessons?
3.	What did the article say teachers must exploit?
4.	What kind of support did a chief executive say needed to be in place?
5.	Until when will Cambridge University teach online lessons?
6.	Who is Nicola Dandridge?
7.	What did Ms Dandridge say we don't want to see?
8.	What did Ms Dandridge say the point was?
9.	What did Ms Dandridge say students should receive?
10.	What did Ms Dandridge say the quality of teaching must be?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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- 1) What is the name of the regulatory body mentioned in the article?
- a) Student Action
- b) Office for Students
- c) College Teachers Union
- d) Education Now
- 2) How many institutions did the article say was delivering online lessons?
- a) gazillions
- b) millions
- c) tens of thousands
- d) thousands
- 3) What did the article say teachers must exploit?
- a) video conferencing platforms
- b) their experience
- c) empty classrooms
- d) new technology
- 4) What kind of support did a chief executive say needed to be in place?
- a) financial support
- b) full support
- c) tailored support
- d) great support
- 5) Until when will Cambridge University teach online lessons?
- a) later this year
- b) the summer of 2021
- c) well into 2022
- d) when there is a vaccine

- 6) Who is Nicola Dandridge?
- a) Office for Students chief executive
- b) a student
- c) a professor
- d) an online lessons writer
- 7) What did Ms Dandridge say we don't want to see?
- a) zero grades
- b) homework
- c) promises
- d) students
- 8) What did Ms Dandridge say the point was?
- a) absolute clarity
- b) zero
- c) no point
- d) successful students
- 9) What did Ms Dandridge say students should receive?
- a) good outcomes
- b) a grade A
- c) advice
- d) a webcam and mic
- 10) What did Ms Dandridge say the quality of teaching must be?
- a) innovative
- b) better
- c) top quality
- d) robust

ROLE PLAY

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Role A - English

You think English is the best thing to learn online. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the most difficult of these to learn online (and why): yoga, gardening or art.

Role B - Yoga

You think yoga is the best thing to learn online. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the most difficult of these to learn online (and why): English, gardening or art.

Role C - Gardening

You think gardening is the best thing to learn online. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the most difficult of these to learn online (and why): yoga, English or art.

Role D - Art

You think art is the best thing to learn online. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the most difficult of these to learn online (and why): yoga, gardening or English.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'online' and 'lesson'.

online	lesson

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.
- **2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.
 - Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
 - Ask your partner / group your questions.
- **3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?
- **4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.
- **5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

affairs	• warned
• request	• kind
• face	• usual
• because	• case
exploit	offers
• all	• quality

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.

ONLINE LESSONS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'online'?
- 3. What do you think of online lessons?
- 4. What are the good things about online lessons?
- 5. Why might online lessons be better than face-to-face lessons?
- 6. Should all lessons be online?
- 7. What do you think of learning English online?
- 8. What are students worrying about during this pandemic?
- 9. How good do you think teachers are at using technology?
- 10. What do you think of Cambridge University's decision?

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ONLINE LESSONS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'lessons'?
- 13. What do you think about what you read?
- 14. What are the bad things about online lessons?
- 15. Where do you learn best?
- 16. What do you hope will happen in the autumn?
- 17. What experiences have you had of online lessons?
- 18. What would you really like to learn online?
- 19. How 'robust' do you think online teaching is?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask an online teacher?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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→. 5.	(a) (a)	complicate	(b)	duplicate		triplicate		replicate
5. 6.	(a) (a)	situation	(b)	location	(c)	place	(d) (d)	there
7.	(a) (a)	clear	(b)	opaque	(c)	misty	(d) (d)	blurred
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8.	(a)	exacted 	(b)	exact	(c)	exactly	(d)	extant
9.	(a)	campsite	(b)	camping	(c)	camper	(d)	campus
10.	(a)	in 	(b)	of	(c)	at	(d)	by
11.	(a)	reasonable	(b)	reasoning	(c)	reasons	(d)	reason
12.	(a)	robust	(b)	affect	(c)	qualities	(d)	desperate

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

- 1. A <u>oeglraurty</u> body in the UK
- 2. Students issued a reutesq
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- 4. because of the coronavirus ienapcmd
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Paragraph 2

- 7. The Office for Students chief icxtuveee
- 8. gnfinmior students of what kind
- 9. an ou-scmnpa experience
- 10. absolute itrycal
- 11. every <u>reslnaaboe</u> effort
- 12. the quality of their teaching is otburs

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200521-online-lessons.html

Number these lines in the correct order.

()	promises that lessons from September will be in-person or face-to-face. Currently, thousands
()	about online lessons. The Office for Students issued a request to higher education providers not to make
(1)	A regulatory body in the UK that looks after student affairs has warned universities to be honest
()	video conferencing platforms to replicate a classroom experience. The body said: "Tailored support needs to be put in
()	getting in advance to accepting [university] offers." She said that, "every reasonable effort" should be
()	receive. She said: "None of us knows exactly what is going to be happening in the autumn. What we don't
()	pandemic. The quality of these lessons quite often depends on the proficiency of teachers to successfully exploit
()	experience, when that is not the case." She added: "The point here is absolute clarity to students so they know what they are
()	made to ensure that students, "receive good outcomes and that the quality of their teaching is robust".
()	clear as they can" when informing students of what kind of teaching situation they will
()	want to see is promises that it's all going to be back to usual with an on-campus
()	place." Cambridge University has announced all of its lessons will be online until the summer of 2021.
()	of institutions worldwide are delivering lessons online because of the coronavirus
()	The Office for Students chief executive, Nicola Dandridge, warned universities and colleges to be "as

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200521-online-lessons.html

- 1. Warned to universities honest about online lessons . be
- 2. institutions online. Thousands of lessons worldwide delivering are
- 3. the often of depends proficiency Quite teachers . on
- 4. place . Tailored to support put in needs be
- 5. be online, lessons will of Announced all its
- 6. as to can . clear as Colleges be they
- 7. to see don't we is What want promises .
- 8. back to be It's going to usual . all
- 9. point here to clarity absolute is students . The
- 10. teaching their robust . is Ensure quality of the

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200521-online-lessons.html

A regulatory body in the UK that looks after student *affair / affairs* has warned universities to be *honest / honesty* about online lessons. The Office for Students issued a request to *higher / lower* education providers not to make promises that lessons from September will be in-person or face-to-face. *Currently / Present*, thousands of institutions worldwide are *delivered / delivering* lessons online because of the coronavirus pandemic. The quality of these lessons *quite / quit* often depends on the proficiency of teachers to successfully exploit video conferencing platforms to *triplicate / replicate* a classroom experience. The body said: "*Manicured / Tailored* support needs to be put *in / on* place." Cambridge University has announced all of its lessons will be online *until / since* the summer of 2021.

The Office for Students chief executive, Nicola Dandridge, warned universities and colleges to be "as dear / clear as they can" when informing students of what kindness / kind of teaching situation they will receive. She said: "None / No one of us knows exactly what is going to be happened / happening in the autumn. What we don't want to see is promise / promises that it's all going to be back to usually / usual with an on-campus experience, when that is not the case / box." She added: "The point here is absolute clarity to students so they know what they are getting on / in advance to accepting [university] offers." She said that, "every reasonable / reasoned effort" should be made to ensure that students, "receive good outcomes and that the quality of their teaching is robots / robust".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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a regulatory body in the uk that looks after student affairs has warned

universities to be honest about online lessons the office for students issued a

request to higher education providers not to make promises that lessons

from september will be inperson or facetoface currently thousands of

institutions worldwide are delivering lessons online because of the

coronavirus pandemic the quality of these lessons quite often depends on

the proficiency of teachers to successfully exploit video conferencing

platforms to replicate a classroom experience the body said tailored support

needs to be put in place cambridge university has announced all of its

lessons will be online until the summer of 2021

the office for students chief executive nicola dandridge warned universities

and colleges to be as clear as they can when informing students of what kind

of teaching situation they will receive she said none of us knows exactly

what is going to be happening in the autumn what we dont want to see is

promises that its all going to be back to usual with an oncampus experience

when that is not the case she added the point here is absolute clarity to

students so they know what they are getting in advance to accepting

university offers she said that every reasonable effort should be made to

ensure that students receive good outcomes and that the quality of their

teaching is robust

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FREE WRITING

 ${\color{red} \textbf{From}} \ \ \, \underline{\textbf{https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200521-online-lessons.html}}$

Write about online le	essons for 10 min	nutes. Comment	on your partner	's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

Online lessons are better than classroom lessons. Discuss.				

HOMEWORK

- **1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- **2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- **3. ONLINE LESSONS:** Make a poster about online lessons. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?
- **4. CLASSROOM:** Write a magazine article about classroom lessons being replaced by online lessons. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

- **5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- **6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on online lessons. Ask him/her three questions about online lessons. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

2. 1. d b 3. f 4. С 5. g 6. а 7. е 8. k 9. Ι 10. i 11. h 12. 13. i n 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

a F b T c T d F e T f F g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. j	2. d	3. g	4. b	5. f
6. e	7. i	8. a	9. h	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1.	Office for Students	1.	Warned universities to be honest about online lessons.
2.	Thousands	2.	Thousands of institutions worldwide are delivering lessons online.
3.	Video conferencing platforms	3.	Quite often depends on the proficiency of teachers.
4.	Tailored support	4.	Tailored support needs to be put in place.
5.	The summer of 2021	5.	Announced all of its lessons will be online.
6.	The Office for Students chief executive	6.	Colleges to be as clear as they can.
7.	Promises	7.	What we don't want to see is promises.
8.	Absolute clarity	8.	It's all going to be back to usual.
9.	Good outcomes	9.	The point here is absolute clarity to students.
10.	Robust	10.	Ensure the quality of their teaching is robust.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2. (It's good for your English ;-)