



YEAR 9: Key Words Activity

Aim: to familiarise learners with some of the key words used in higher education

Ask the learner/s to write down the meanings of as many of the following words as they can.

- Higher Education (HE)
- Further Education (FE)
- Degree
- Seminar
- Lecture
- Tutorial
- Undergraduate
- Graduation
- Faculty
- Halls of Residence
- Students' Union
- Campus

Debrief: Explain the meanings of the words that are unfamiliar

Learning outcome: That learners understand the meanings of key words associated with higher education, and can use them appropriately

Additional resource: See accompanying definitions

Suggested time: 15 minutes

Definitions:

Higher Education (HE) – study at a university, college or Higher Education Institution. Most people studying at this level are aiming for a degree, a foundation degree, a certificate of higher education or a diploma of higher education.

Further Education - study at a college after 16, which could be A-Levels or vocational qualifications.

Degree - this is the level of course you can study at a university or college.

Seminar - a small group of students meet to discuss a particular topic with a tutor.

Lecture - a presentation or talk, usually given to a large group of students.

Tutorial - a one-to-one meeting with a tutor to talk about work and other course issues.

Undergraduate – A student working towards a first degree qualification.

Graduation – when you have finished your degree a graduation ceremony will be held to acknowledge your achievements.

Faculty - a group of academic departments that are grouped together for teaching.

Halls of Residence - these are blocks of student flats, usually rented out to students in their first year. Sometimes catering is provided.

Students' Union - the building where students meet to socialise, join clubs and societies and where they can get help with problems.

Campus - the grounds on which the building of the institution are located. More common if the institution is outside of a city centre.