

IELTS University vocabulary sequencing

Work with your partner and try to put these events into the chronological order (= arranged by time) in the UK:

The first university in the UK

The first university in your country

You have an interview

You send an application form

You receive the marks you need to enter the university (e.g. IELTS score)

You are accepted

You receive a provisional letter of acceptance

You move away from home

You move into a shared student house off campus

You move into student halls on campus

“Redbrick” universities were founded

Oxbridge universities (Oxford and Cambridge Universities) were founded

Polytechnics were given the chance to become universities

Polytechnics were founded

You take an undergraduate degree

You take a graduate degree

You graduate

You become an assistant lecturer

You become a lecturer

You become a teaching assistant

You become a professor

You attend fresher's week

You join the alumni association

You have mid-term exams

You attend your graduation ceremony

You have your finals

You take an undergraduate degree (= a first degree= a bachelor's degree= a BA or BSc)

You take a doctorate (= a PhD)

You take a master's degree (= an MBA, MA or MSc)

Paragraph sequencing

The following list of headings comes from an IELTS reading about “Universities in Britain”. Try and predict what order they will be in in the text (they might not be in time order):

- i. Campus types
- ii. Old universities
- iii. Universities during the industrial revolution
- iv. University colleges
- v. Rising standards in higher education
- vi. The second expansion
- vii. Former polytechnics

If possible, read the text from Achieve IELTS Unit 2 Page 17 to check the order of the text. Otherwise, just check the answers with your teacher.

Try the same method with another IELTS reading task with the same kind of matching headings and paragraphs task- put the paragraph headings in order first and then read and check. (Although it is not recommended you actually use the method in the exam, it is good practice for prediction skills for faster reading).