

## **Education trends**

*What are the past, present and future trends for these things in your country? Choose one topic and see if your partner agrees with your description.*

- Academic standards
- Cheating
- Dropping out of uni
- English-medium courses/ Use of English in universities
- Entrance requirements/ The difficulty of entering university
- Fees
- Fees/ The cost of education
- Foreign students
- Funding/ Scholarships
- Grades
- Mature students
- MBAs
- Number of hours studied at school/ university/ Length of the school week
- People taking undergraduate degrees (percentage and overall numbers)
- Postgraduate study
- Pre-school education
- Respect for teachers
- Skipping school
- Students working part time
- Study of English
- Study of other languages
- Studying abroad
- Use of cram schools
- Use of student halls
- Use of technology in education

*What phrases can you use to talk about trends?*

*With a partner, brainstorm at least two phrases into each of the categories below.*

### **Upward trends**

### **Downward trends**

### **Going up and down**

### **Not changing**

### **Big changes**

### **Small changes**