

## Topic 1 Education - vocabulary practice B

### 1 Read the text first ..

One large disadvantage for British university students is the cost of their studies. Tuition fees are not paid for by the government anymore. Apart from that, there are no free grants to cover living expenses. Most students therefore have to work in part-time jobs, take out costly loans, or rely on their parents for support. Many people consider this both unfair and discriminatory against students from poorer, more working class homes.

### and then find the expressions in the text according to their meanings below:

(sb means somebody, sth something)

1. too expensive and wasting a lot of money .....
2. to think about sth, especially about whether to accept sth or to do sth .....
3. the money that sb pays to be taught .....
4. to need or depend on sb/sth; to trust sb/sth .....
5. something that causes problems and tends to stop sb/sth from succeeding or making progress .....
6. the group of people who are responsible for controlling a country or a state .....

### 2 Complete the text with appropriate verbs in the correct form.

When he was 8, my brother's main ambition was to 1) ..... to university. He was very hard-working and 2) ..... well at school. He 3) ..... three 'A' levels at the age of 18, and fortunately he 4) ..... them all. In fact, he got such high marks that he managed to 5) ..... a place at a very good university, where he decided to 6) ..... biology. The course 7) ..... three years, and at the end he 8) ..... a very good degree. As a result, he got the chance to go on to postgraduate studies, and he is now 9) ..... research at Bristol University. Last month he was asked to 10) ..... a lecture to a group of young doctors.

### Key

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1 costly 2 consider 3 tuition fee 4 rely on 5 disadvantage 6 government

2

1 go 2 did/got on 3 took 4 passed 5 get 6 do/study 7 lasted 8 got 9 doing/carrying out 10 give