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Reading Exam

ENGLISH FILE

EOI Exam Power Pack (Intermediate cycle)

PART 1

You are going to read some information from the Internet on tips for studying in the UK. Match paragraphs 1–5 with headings A–H. There are two headings you don't need to use. Paragraph 0 is the example.

EOI Topic: Education, history, and politics

See: *English File third edition* Intermediate Files 7A, 10A

PARAGRAPH	0	1	2	3	4	5
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- A University accommodation
- B The IELTS exam
- C Prepare for your course in advance
- D Useful organizations
- E Advantages of a home stay
- F Finding the right place*
- G Families in the UK
- H Choosing the best location

PART 1

Studying in the UK**Paragraph 0, example**

Studying at a UK university or college is without doubt still the aspiration of many students from many different parts of the world. There are lots of cities and courses to choose from. Where should you start? We've put together a few guidelines to help you on your way to a successful academic career in the UK.

Paragraph 1

British universities and colleges require a high level of English and evidence of other academic attainment before accepting applications from overseas students. By taking an exam such as IELTS, which is recognized by a wide variety of institutions, you can assess your academic and linguistic ability. Attend a British Council UK education exhibition in your country to find out more about the qualifications you need to apply for different UK university or college courses. Alternatively, check out the British Council website for information about different academic institutions and their entry requirements for overseas students.

Paragraph 2

The city you end up living in will often depend on which course you want to enrol on. If you have several options, find out as much as possible about the area before you make your final choice. Tourist websites provide useful information about sightseeing, nightlife, and facilities, and often have links to local listings of events and services. University and college websites can also give you valuable information about the different types of accommodation that are available.

Paragraph 3

There are several different types of accommodation to choose from when studying in the UK. Many universities have halls of residence, which typically offer a single study / bedroom with a desk, chair, and washbasin. Breakfast and dinner are included with this option and are served in the hall's canteen. Many universities and colleges provide self-catering accommodation too. You can get a study / bedroom in a self-contained unit of 2–6 bedrooms with access to a shared kitchen and bathroom. Generally, students like to spend their first year living in a hall of residence or a university self-catering flat, as it's probably the best way to meet other students and to get used to living in a different city or town.

Paragraph 4

As an overseas student, you may prefer to live with a host family who provide you with a room and meals on a half-board basis. Foreign students often enjoy the support of living with a family in a homely environment. The host family option also gives you a great opportunity to learn about the local culture and to practise your English.

Paragraph 5

Once in the UK the best place to go for advice and information is the university or college Student Union. Here you can find out what's going on locally as well as get information on student discounts on travel, cinema, and theatre. A typical Student Union is host to many social and political groups that cater for a great variety of interests. Joining one of these groups is a great opportunity to make new friends quickly, and to integrate into your new environment. Most universities also have an International Students' Association or club that you can join too.