

Unit 1

Welcome to our department!

After learning this unit, you will be able to:

- talk about college life;
- ask for and give suggestions;
- fill in registration forms.



Watch the video, look at the picture, and discuss:

- 1 Do you like your college life?
- 2 What do you expect of your college life?

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Warming Up

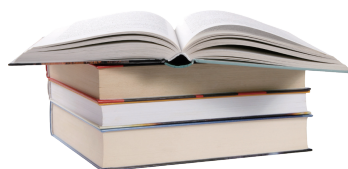
Choose three items you would like to take with you to college as a fresher.



☐ a guitar



☐ a mobile phone



☐ books



☐ a laptop



☐ a credit card



☐ a family photo

Listening and Speaking

- 1 Listen to the dialogue about Linda's registration process. The first part of the dialogue is given. The following words and expressions may help you.



registration admission notice fill in
e-commerce major recent photo

Tim: Good morning. What can I do for you?

Linda: Morning. I'm a new student. My name is Linda. I'm here for registration.

Tim: Hi, Linda, my name is Tim. May I have your ID card and admission notice, please?

Linda: Sure, here you are.

Tim: Thank you. Now, please fill in the registration form.

Linda: OK. Thanks.

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2 Listen again and choose the information about Linda.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> She is a new student. | <input type="checkbox"/> She is an English major. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> She is Tim's classmate. | <input type="checkbox"/> She is an e-commerce major. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> She is a second-year student. | |

Tips

对话中经常有些提示语可以帮助我们更好地了解事情发生的顺序，如本对话中的 now, next 等。

3 Work in pairs and put Linda's registration steps in the right order.

A. Get her room key.

B. Fill in the form.

C. Show her ID card and admission notice.

D. Hand in her recent photos.



4 Read the following words and expressions. Then listen to the dialogue between Linda and Tim.



senior hesitate attend review
make it be curious about depend on

5 Listen again and choose the information you hear.

- ☐ Senior students helped Tim a lot when he was new.
- ☐ Linda doesn't know much about e-commerce.
- ☐ Linda wants to join Tim's club.
- ☐ Linda is excited about her future college life.

6 Work in pairs. Ask and answer the following questions.

- 1 Why did you choose your major?
- 2 What student clubs do you want to join? Why?

Reading and Vocabulary

- 1 Read the dialogue about college life with the help of the following words and expressions.



independence freedom rely on make a decision
be responsible for make use of for the first time
privacy belongings permission frankly

Some new students at Blue Sky College want to learn more about college life. They are now talking with Mr Li, their counsellor.

Mr Li: I know you all have questions about college life. Just ask, and I'll try my best to answer.

Wu Lin: Mr Li, what's the major difference between high school and college?

Mr Li: Independence. As college students, you will have a lot of freedom. That means you must mainly rely on yourselves and make your own decisions. At the same time, you must be responsible for everything you do.

Liu Wei: I heard that the library is very important for college students. Is that true?

Mr Li: Sure. Reading in the library is an important part of college life. You should make full use of the library.

Li Fei: How about campus activities?

Mr Li: There are many interesting activities on campus. They are organised by different student clubs. If interested, you can join them. It's a good way to improve communication skills, make friends, and enjoy your hobbies.

Zhou Bo: For the first time I share a room with strangers. I feel a little bit uncomfortable. What should I do?



Tips

school counsellor 指的是学校里协助学生解决问题的指导老师，相当于中国大学里的辅导员。

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Mr Li: Good question. First, don't see your roommates as strangers. They'll probably become your lifelong friends. Second, respect their privacy and don't use their belongings without permission. Of course, you can speak frankly about your habits with them. Communicate often and you'll get along well with one another.

2 Put the following items into different areas below according to Mr Li's advice.



- A. Be responsible for everything you do.
- B. Make full use of the library.
- C. Treat your roommates in a friendly manner.
- D. Play your roommate's guitar when he/she is absent.
- E. Join some clubs if you're interested.
- F. Tell your roommates that you don't want to be disturbed while reading.
- G. Tell others about your roommates' family problems.

3 Complete the sentences with the words or expressions in the box. Make changes when necessary.

permission organise be responsible for decision make use of

- 1 The course was _____ by a training company.
- 2 We are _____ new machines to produce more products.
- 3 College students should depend on themselves and make their own _____.
- 4 When you visit a museum, you must ask for _____ before taking photographs inside it.
- 5 Mike _____ designing the entire project.

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4 Discuss with your partner and fill in the form with the details of Mr Li's advice.

Main points	Details
independence	rely on yourselves
library	
campus activities	
relationship with roommates	

Can you give more advice on a happy college life?

Grammar for Use

to 的用法

读下面的句子，注意 to 的用法。

- 1 You also need to give me two recent photos of yourself.
- 2 Just ask, and I'll try my best to answer.
- 3 Welcome to our department!
- 4 We're looking forward to seeing you then.

上面这些句子中，to 的用法不同。在例句 1、2 中，to 作动词不定式的标记，后面接动词原形。在例句 3、4 中，to 作介词，后面接名词、代词或动词的 -ing 形式。

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Practical Reading

1 Read the following registration form. Pay attention to its format.

REGISTRATION FORM		
Student No. <i>ICOTO10023EB</i>		
Major <i>Robotic Engineering</i>		
Student information		
First name <i>Bernice</i>	Middle name <i>Allen</i>	Last name <i>Parshier</i>
Nationality <i>Canadian</i>	Gender <i>Female</i>	Marital status <i>Single</i>
Date of birth <i>23/07/2007</i>	City of birth <i>Toronto</i>	
Mobile phone <i>4163368236</i>	Home phone <i>0015042702592</i>	
Email <i>bernicep@123.com</i>		
Address <i>3359 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, Ontario L5L 1C6 Canada</i>		
Family information		
Father's name <i>Brown Parshier</i>	Mother's name <i>Catherine Allen Parshier</i>	
Father's occupation <i>Engineer</i>	Mother's occupation <i>Teacher</i>	
Other information		
1. I need help to get student loans.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2. I need accommodation on campus for at least a year.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. I need financial support from government programmes.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<i>I hereby declare the information I have provided in this form is correct.</i>		
Signature <i>Bernice Allen Parshier</i>		

2 Read again and fill in the blanks.

- Bernice Parshier's major is _____.
- Bernice's mother is a(n) _____ and her father is a(n) _____.
- Bernice needs to _____ for at least a year.

3 Work in pairs. Ask for and give information about Bernice using the above form.

Practical Writing

- 1 Match the items with their corresponding information according to the form in Practical Reading.

Full name •	○ Toronto
Nationality •	○ Bernice Allen Parshier
Date of birth •	○ Canadian
City of birth •	○ Single
Marital status •	○ Robotic Engineering
Gender •	○ Female
Major •	○ 23/07/2007

- 2 You are applying for the Oral English Club in your college. Fill in the form with your own information.

Personal information	
Name	Gender
Grade	Student No.
Date of birth	Place of birth
Major	Email
Address	Mobile phone
Hobbies	
Relevant experience	
Why do you want to join the club?	

Project

Investigate your school facilities



- 1 Work in groups of four and choose a school facility from the form below.
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- 2 Investigate the school facility you choose and fill in the form.  
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- 3 Make a group presentation on the investigation results.

Facilities Aspects	Computer room	Canteen	Library	Gym
Location				
Opening hours				
Rules and regulations				
Your suggestions				

Around the World



- 1 Do you know any Welcome Week activities?
- 2 What Welcome Week activities have you attended?

College life kicks off!

Welcome Week is a great time for freshers to make new friends, get started on their classes, join clubs, and get familiar with the campus and the local area.



My college starts Welcome Week with such events as welcoming parties and training room tours, along with other on-campus events. In China, we can find all sorts of student clubs and societies at the Freshers' Fair.



In the UK, not just the college prepares for Freshers' Week. Plenty of the bars and restaurants around my college have freshers' events as well.



O-Week in Australia often starts with Welcome Saturday. One event during my O-Week is a race around the city where we are required to find certain landmarks in teams.

Whether it's Welcome Week, Freshers' Week, or O-Week, the start of college life is usually an exciting, fun-filled journey for all freshers, providing unique experiences and lifelong memories.

My Progress Check

At a seminar for freshers, a senior student, Amy, is invited to give a short speech. Bob, a fresher, is thinking about his college life.

1 Listen to Amy's speech and choose the correct information.



1 What is the topic of Amy's speech?

- A. How to make use of college facilities.
- B. How to make friends in college.
- C. How to register for college.
- D. How to live a great college life.

2 Which of the following statements is true according to Amy?

- A. Making friends is hard.
- B. Studying at college is easy.
- C. College life is not all about having fun.
- D. There is a gym on campus.

2 Bob took some notes during the speech. Complete them with the proper form of the given words.

- 1 If we want _____ (make) new friends, we can participate in freshers' activities.
- 2 If _____ (interest), I can join a student club.
- 3 We go to college _____ (prepare) for our future.
- 4 We have more freedom _____ (make) choices.
- 5 College students should be _____ (responsibility) for their own study.

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- 3 Bob wrote down his thoughts after the speech. Read and tick the ones you agree with.

☐ Be responsible for everything I do.

☐ Call my parents whenever I meet difficulties and need help.

How to handle the responsibilities

☐ Study hard for my future development.

☐ Be serious about my assignments.

☐ Make more friends.

☐ Stay up all night playing video games.

How to enjoy the freedom

☐ Attend some interesting and meaningful activities on campus.

☐ Skip some classes when I feel tired.

- 4 Make comments on Bob's thoughts.

You may use:

From my point of view...

In my opinion...

I don't think it's right that...

Self-reflection

- ☐ I can talk about college life with the words and expressions in this unit.
- ☐ I can fill in registration forms with the examples in this unit.
- ☐ I have realised the importance of living a colourful and meaningful college life.



Scenario

韩玉正在帮助新生史蒂夫办理入学手续。你将扮演韩玉的角色。



Han Yu
(You)



Steve

The following script may help you complete the dialogue in the VR course.

Han Yu: Hello. May I help you?

Steve: Hi, my name is Steve Davis. I'm a first-year student majoring in Rail Transit.

Han Yu: Good to meet you, Steve. **1.** _____ (你是来登记注册的吗?)(*registration*)

Steve: Yes, I'm not sure what to do.

Han Yu: Don't worry. Let me help you. **2.** _____ (请确认此表上的姓名、专业及其他个人信息, 然后在这里签名。)(*confirm, name, major, other personal information, sheet, sign*)

Steve: Done.

Han Yu: Now, you can go to the library to get your campus card.

Steve: What's the card used for?

Han Yu: **3.** _____ (你能用它从图书馆借书、在食堂吃饭等。)(*borrow books, library, eat, canteen, and so on*)

Steve: Okay. When can I go to the dormitory?

Han Yu: After you get your campus card, the dorm supervisor will help you check in.

Steve: How can I find my dorm?

Han Yu: **4.** _____ (你可以扫描指南中的二维码下载电子地图。)(*scan, QR code, guidebook, download, e-map*)

Steve: Thank you!

Han Yu: You're welcome.

Key:

1. Are you here for registration?
2. Please confirm your name, major and other personal information on this sheet, and then sign here.
3. You can use it to borrow books from the library, eat in the canteen, and so on.
4. You can scan the QR code in the guidebook to download the e-map.