
Guided Reading 1: Choosing a School

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Example: What does a career school train you for?

Predicted page: *What It Is*

Answer: *license or certification*

Actual page and subsection: *What It Is; What is a career school?*

1. Name the places you can go for higher education.

Predicted page: _____

Answer: _____

Actual page and subsection: _____

2. List at least one similarity and one difference in colleges and universities.

Predicted page: _____

Answer: _____

Actual page and subsection: _____

3. List three differences between public and private colleges or universities.

Predicted page: _____

Answer: _____

Actual page and subsection: _____

4. List three ways non-profit and for-profit colleges or universities are different.

Predicted page: _____

Answer: _____

Actual page and subsection: _____

5. Why is community college usually less expensive than colleges or universities?

Predicted page: _____

Answer: _____

Actual page and subsection: _____

6. How long do you study for an associate's degree?

Predicted page: _____

Answer: _____

Actual page and subsection: _____

7. How long do you study for a bachelor's degree?

Predicted page: _____

Answer: _____

Actual page and subsection: _____

8. What are two options for room and board when you go to college or university?

Predicted page: _____

Answer: _____

Actual page and subsection: _____

9. What are two reasons to consider going to college?

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Answer: _____

Actual page and subsection: _____

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Guided Reading 1: Choosing a School – Answer Key

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Actual page and subsection: *What It Is; What is a career school?*

1. Name the places you can go for higher education.

Predicted page: *What It Is*

Answer: *college, university, community college, trade/career school*

Actual page and subsection: *What It Is; What is higher education?*

2. List at least one similarity and one difference in colleges and universities.

Predicted page: *What It Is*

Answer: *Similarity: You can get an associate's or bachelor's degree in different majors. Students live near campus.*

Difference: Universities are bigger and have more majors.

Actual page and subsection: *What It Is; What is the difference between a college and a university?*

3. List three differences between public and private colleges or universities.

Predicted page: *What It Is*

Answer: *Public: gets money from the state; costs less if you live in that state; are very large—10,000-40,000 students; have big classes; offer lots of choices of majors.*

Private: does not get money from the state; costs more for everyone; are smaller; have smaller classes; offer fewer choices of majors.

Actual page and subsection: *What It Is; What is the difference between a public college or university and a private college or university?*

4. List three ways non-profit and for-profit colleges or universities are different.

Predicted page: *What It Is*

Answer: *Non-profits: have no owners; want to help students learn; offer many majors.*

For-profits: have owners; want to help owners make money; focus on only a few majors.

Actual page and subsection: *What It Is; What is the difference between a non-profit college or university and a for-profit one?*

5. Why is community college usually less expensive than colleges or universities?

Predicted page: *What It Is*

Answer: *Student usually do not live on campus, so there is no room and board cost.*

Actual page and subsection: *What It Is; What about community colleges?*

6. How long do you study for an associate's degree?

Predicted page: *What It Is*

Answer: *2 years full time*

Actual page and subsection: *What It Is; What is a degree?*

7. How long do you study for a bachelor's degree?

Predicted page: *What It Is*

Answer: *4 years full time*

Actual page and subsection: *What It Is; What is a degree?*

8. What are two options for room and board when you go to college or university?

Predicted page: *What It Is*

Answer: *Live in a dormitory on campus or rent an apartment off campus.*

Actual page and subsection: *What It Is; What are room and board?*

9. What are two reasons to consider going to college?

Predicted page: *What It Is or What To Know*

Answer: *Make more money and have more job options*

Actual page and subsection: *What To Know; Why should I go to college?*

10. What things should you consider when choosing a school?

Predicted page: *What It Is*

Answer: *size; majors and training offered; where you will live (on campus, in an apartment off campus, or at home); costs (tuition, fees, books, supplies, transportation); graduation rate*

Actual page and subsection: *What To Know; How do I choose the right school for me? What else should I look at when choosing a school?*