Question: What do you already know about the University of Oxford?

○ Complete the paragraph on the right with the words on the left.

Oxford University

You probably already know some things about Oxford University, but there is probably a lot you don’t know. It’s called ‘Oxford University’ because it is (1)__________ in the town of Oxford, England (about 90 kilometers outside of London). Classes first began there almost a thousand (2)__________ ago (in 1096), and it is one of the best universities in the world. Most colleges and universities are located on just one main campus, but this university is (3)___________. It’s located in many different places around the town of Oxford. For example, (4)__________ South Parks Road you can find the Science Area, while just behind Broad Street you can listen to (5)__________ at the Sheldonian Theater. Do you like to (6)__________? If ‘yes’, there are millions of books at the university’s Bodleian Libraries. In addition, the university has a large number of parks – the Botanic Garden on High Street has more than 8,000 different kinds of (7)___________. Of course, the (8)__________ are the most important part of Oxford University – there are more than 21,000 of them from the U.K. and from around the (9)___________. Finally, if you’re thinking of visiting (or studying at) Oxford, there is even a (10)__________ at 106 High Street where you can buy souvenirs to remember your time at this amazing university.

(about 215 words)
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Oxford University

Vocabulary Practice

• Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

1. a large number of ______
   A. the most important
2. amazing ______
   B. many
3. campus ______
   C. the area and buildings around a college or university
4. garden ______
   D. 1,000,000
5. main ______
   E. a place where plants (like flowers) are grown
6. million ______
   F. different
7. souvenir ______
   G. wonderful
8. special ______
   H. something you keep to help you remember a place

How Much Do You Understand?

• Write ‘T’ (True) or ‘F’ (False) next to each statement.

1. ______ The paragraph is about how to become a student at Oxford.
2. ______ Oxford University is located in London, England.
3. ______ Oxford University is over a thousand years old.
4. ______ The university is located in many different parts of the town.
5. ______ The Sheldonian Theater is located near Broad Street.
6. ______ There are almost 8,000 students at Oxford University.

Discuss

• Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.

1. Would you like to visit – or study at – Oxford University? Why? / Why not?
2. Can you think of three reasons why people study at college or university?
3. Can you describe the school, college, or university where you now study?
   Where is it located? How old is it? What is the student population? Etc.
Grammar-in-Context

Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.

You probably already know some things about Oxford University, (1)_______ there is probably a lot you don’t know. It’s called ‘Oxford University’ (2)_______ it is located in the town of Oxford, England (about 90 kilometers outside of London). Classes first began there almost a thousand years ago (in 1096), and it is one of the best universities (3)_______ . Most colleges and universities are located on just one main campus, but this university is special. (4)_______ located in many different places around the town of Oxford. For example, near South Parks Road you can (5)_______ the Science Area, while just behind Broad Street you can (6)_______ at the Sheldonian Theater. Do you (7)_______ ? If ‘yes’, there are millions of books at the university’s Bodleian Libraries. In addition, the university (8)_______ a large number of parks – the Botanic Garden on High Street has more (9)_______ 8,000 different kinds of plants. Of course, the students are the most important part of Oxford University – (10)_______ more than 21,000 of them from the U.K. and from around the world. Finally, if (11)_______ thinking of visiting (or studying at) Oxford, there is even a gift shop at 106 High Street (12)_______ you can buy souvenirs to remember your time at this amazing university.

1. (A) so (B) but (C) that (D) because
2. (A) because (B) so (C) then (D) but
3. (A) on the world (B) world (C) the world (D) in the world
4. (A) It’s (B) It (C) Its (D) It have
5. (A) will find (B) finds (C) finding (D) find
6. (A) listening to music (B) listen (C) listens to music (D) listen to music
7. (A) like to read (B) likes reading (C) reading (D) likes to read
8. (A) have (B) has (C) it have (D) it has
9. (A) then (B) than (C) that (D) this
10. (A) there (B) there is (C) there are (D) has
11. (A) your (B) you (C) you’re (D) yours
12. (A) why (B) who (C) what (D) where
Work with your partner to find all eight differences in the maps.

There is a ... / There are ... / There aren’t any ... next to behind in front of between

garden  book store  classrooms

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Oxford Road

classrooms  parking lot  cafeteria

offices  science labs  sports center

library  basketball court  tennis court  swimming pool

garden

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Riverside Road

parking lot

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Next, read a short paragraph about the college.
Work with your partner to find all eight differences in the maps.

There is a … / There are … / There aren’t any … next to behind in front of between

fountain

Classrooms

classrooms
garden

Campus Road

offices

cafeteria

sports
center

library

football stadium

library

garden

Post office

basketball
court

swimming
pool
tennis
court

Riverside Road

parking lot

Next, read a short paragraph about the college.
A Special Place at College

Writing Practice – Spelling and Capitals

Try to find the one spelling or capital mistake in each line of the paragraph below.

1. Apple Tree Community Colleg is located about five
2. kilometers from downtown. It has a student population of
3. about 800. There are tow large parking lots, but sometimes
4. it’s difficult to find a space to park. That’s why i sometimes
5. take a bus to the college. of course, like most other
6. colleges, there are many classrooms, offices, a library, a
7. book store, and a sports center. In Addition, there is even a
8. huge football stadium next to riverside Road. However,
9. Apple Tree Community college is special because there are
10. two gardens, and insid the gardens there are many trees.
11. What kind of trees? apple trees! That’s right – the college is
12. famous for its apple trees. In the spring, sammer, and
13. winter, when it’s not to cold, students like to hang out there
14. under the beatiful trees and chat with each other, play
15. games, and study. There are lot of benches to sit down on
16. in the parks, and u can find lots of students (and some
17. teachers) sitting on the soft, grean grass. In the gardens
18. you can relax, lisen to the birds, and really enjoy your time. I
19. love to study there wen the weather is nice. And last year I
20. gat an ‘A’ on all of my exams! My college is amazing!
Apple Tree Community College is ______ about five kilometers from downtown. It has a student population of about 800. ______ ______ ______ large parking lots, but sometimes it’s difficult to find a space to ______. That’s why I sometimes take a ______ to the college. Of course, like most other colleges, there are ______ classrooms, offices, a ______, a ______ ______, and a sports center. ______ ______, there is even a large ______ stadium ______ ______ Riverside Road. ______, Apple Tree Community College is ______ because ______ ______ two gardens, and ______ the gardens ______ ______ ______ trees. What kind of trees? Apple trees! That’s right – the college is ______ ______ its apple trees. In the ______, summer, and ______, when ______ ______ too cold, students ______ ______ hang out there ______ the ______ trees and chat with each other, ______ games, and study. ______ ______ lots of benches to ______ ______ on in the parks, ______ you ______ find ______ ______ students (and some teachers) sitting on the soft, green grass. In the gardens you can ______, listen to the birds, and ______ ______ your time. I ______ ______ study there when the ______ is nice. And last year I got an ‘A’ on all of my exams! My college is ______!
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DESCRIPTING PLACES

Writing Practice 2

- DESCRIPTIVE Writing: Describe the school, college, or university where you study (or choose one place at your school, college, or university).

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LESSON

Describing Places: Oxford

Language Focus Present Simple Tense / ‘There is’ and There are’

Level Intermediate to Advanced

Time Approximately 120 – 180 minutes

**Oxford University ANSWER KEY**

- Complete the Paragraph
  1. located
  2. years
  3. special
  4. near
  5. music
  6. read
  7. plants
  8. students
  9. world
  10. gift shop

- Vocabulary Practice
  1. B
  2. G
  3. C
  4. E
  5. A
  6. D
  7. H
  8. F

- How Much Do You Understand?
  1. F (It’s about Oxford University.)
  2. F (It’s located in Oxford.)
  3. F (It’s almost a thousand years old.)
  4. T
  5. T
  6. F (There are more than 21,000.)

- Grammar-in-context
  1. B
  2. A
  3. C
  4. A
  5. D
  6. D
  7. A
  8. B
  9. B
  10. C
  11. C
  12. D

**College Map ANSWER KEY**

- Map ‘A’
  1. There is a garden
  2. There is a book store.
  3. Oxford Road
  4. A parking lot is in front of the cafeteria
  5. There are science labs.
  6. There aren’t any post offices.
  7. Tennis between basketball/swimming
  8. The stadium is near Riverside Rd.

- Map ‘B’
  1. There is a garden.
  2. There aren’t any book stores.
  3. Campus Road
  4. A garden in front of the cafeteria
  5. There aren’t any science labs.
  6. There is a post office.
  7. Swimming between basketball/tennis
  8. The swimming pool, etc. near Riverside Rd.

- A Special Place at College
  1. College
  2. student
  3. two
  4. I
  5. Of course
  6. many
  7. addition
  8. Riverside
  9. College
  10. inside
  11. Apple
  12. summer
  13. too
  14. beautiful
  15. lots
  16. you
  17. green
  18. listen
  19. when
  20. got

- Homework Idea
  Write a descriptive paragraph about the place where you study (see attached worksheet). In the next class, get into a small group and read aloud your paragraph.

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http://www.ox.ac.uk/
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxAU88LxLis

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