

Glossary of Campus Vocabulary

ace v. to receive a grade of A

Example: I *aced* that exam.

Suggestion: Find someone who *aced* the course to help you.

Assumption: Kathy *aced* her computer science class?

Problem: If I don't *ace* the final, I'll get a B in the class.

admissions office n. the administrative office where students apply for admission to a college or university

Example: I have an appointment at the *admissions office* to review my application.

Suggestion: Why don't you go over to the *admissions office*?

Assumption: You mean you couldn't find the *admissions office*?

Problem: I need to get to the *admissions office* before five o'clock.

advisor n. a person who helps students make decisions about their academic programs

Example: Dr. Jones is the *academic advisor* for the engineering students.

Suggestion: You should see your *academic advisor* before you decide.

Assumption: Dr. Jones is your *academic advisor*?

Problem: I can't see my *academic advisor* until Friday.

all-nighter n. a study session that lasts all night

Example: We had to pull an *all-nighter* to get ready for the final exam.

Suggestion: If I were you, I wouldn't pull another *all-nighter*.

Assumption: So you did pull another *all-nighter*.

Problem: I have to pull an *all-nighter* in order to be ready for the final exam.

article n. a publication about an academic subject

Example: We read six *articles* in addition to the reading in the textbook.

Suggestion: You had better read the *articles* that were assigned.

Assumption: You read the *articles* already?

Problem: I need to read the *articles* again.

assignment n. work that must be done as part of the requirements for a class

Example: The *assignment* was to read two chapters in the text book.

Suggestion: You had better read the *assignment* before class.

Assumption: So you did read the *assignment* after all.

Problem: I can't finish the *assignment* before class.

assistant professor n. a college or university teacher who ranks above a lecturer and below an associate professor

Example: Dr. Green is an *assistant professor*.

Suggestion: Why don't you find out whether he is a lecturer or an *assistant professor*?

Assumption: You mean Dr. Green isn't an *assistant professor*?

Problem: I need to find out whether Dr. Green is an *assistant professor*.

assistantship n. an opportunity for a graduate student to teach or do research in exchange for a stipend

Example: Terry got an *assistantship* from State University.

Suggestion: If I were you, I would apply for an *assistantship*.

Assumption: So you did get an *assistantship* from State University.

Problem: The *assistantship* doesn't pay as much as I thought it would.

associate professor n. a college or university teacher who ranks above an assistant professor and below a professor

- Example: Dr. Peterson is an *associate professor* now, but she will be promoted to a full professor at the end of the year.
- Suggestion: You could ask the secretary if Dr. Peterson is an *associate professor*.
- Assumption: Dr. Peterson isn't an *associate professor*, is she?
- Problem: If Dr. Peterson is an *associate professor*, I used the wrong title in my letter to her.

audit v. to attend a course without credit

- Example: It usually costs as much to *audit* a course as to take it for credit.
- Suggestion: You could *audit* the course if you don't need the credit.
- Assumption: You mean you are *auditing* the course?
- Problem: If I *audit* the course, I won't get credit for it.

bear n. a difficult class

- Example: That computer science course was a *bear*.
- Suggestion: I heard that Dr. Young's class is a real *bear*, so I would advise against it this semester.
- Assumption: Your roommate thought this class was a *bear*?
- Problem: Two of the classes I am in are real *bears*.

be behind v. to be late; to have a lot of work to do

- Example: I *am behind* in my physics class.
- Suggestion: You *are behind* in your psychology class so you should study.
- Assumption: Bill *is behind*?
- Problem: I can't go to the party because I *am behind* in my classes.

bike n. an abbreviation of the word *bicycle*

- Example: Many students ride their *bikes* on campus.
- Suggestion: You could park your *bike* outside the student union building.
- Assumption: Your *bike* was locked?
- Problem: I can't ride my *bike* to the pizza parlor because there isn't any parking for it.

bike rack n. the metal supports where bicycles are parked

- Example: That *bike rack* is full, but there is another one by the library.
- Suggestion: If I were you, I would use the *bike rack* closest to the door.
- Assumption: The *bike rack* was moved from in front of the library?
- Problem: The *bike racks* at my dormitory will not hold all of the students' bikes.

blackboard n. the writing surface in the front of the classroom

- Example: Dr. Mitchell always writes the important words on the *blackboard*.
- Suggestion: You had better copy everything the instructor writes on the *blackboard*.
- Assumption: You mean you copied all of the material that was on the *blackboard*?
- Problem: I can't see what is written on the *blackboard*.

book n. a written work

- Example: The *books* for this class cost eighty dollars.
- Suggestion: You shouldn't wait too long to buy your *books*.
- Assumption: You didn't buy all of your *books*?
- Problem: I can't buy all of my *books* with only fifty dollars.

book bag n. a bag in which to carry books and school supplies

Example: This *book bag* is very heavy.

Suggestion: Why don't you buy a sturdy *book bag* so it will last longer?

Assumption: Your brand new *book bag* fell apart?

Problem: I can't carry all of my books at one time because my *book bag* is too small.

bookstore n. the store on campus where students buy their text books

Example: The *bookstore* opens at seven in the morning.

Suggestion: You should be at the *bookstore* before it opens so that you can get a used book.

Assumption: You mean that you were at the *bookstore* early and there were still no used books?

Problem: The *bookstore* is too far from my apartment for me to walk.

break n. a pause in work or study

Example: Let's take a *break* after we finish our homework.

Suggestion: If I were you, I would take a *break* before I began a new project.

Assumption: You mean you're taking a *break* right now?

Problem: I can't take a *break* until I complete this section of the problem.

bring up v. to improve

Example: If Jack doesn't *bring up* his grades, he won't get into graduate school.

Suggestion: If you want to *bring up* your grades, you will have to study more.

Assumption: You *brought up* your grades without studying?

Problem: If I don't study more, I won't be able to *bring up* my grades.

cafeteria n. a restaurant where students can select food from several choices and carry their meals on trays to their tables

Example: Let's order a pizza instead of going to the *cafeteria*.

Suggestion: Why don't we meet in the *cafeteria* before going to see our advisor?

Assumption: You mean you like the food in the *cafeteria*?

Problem: I can't meet you in the *cafeteria* because I have to speak with my professor after class.

call on v. to acknowledge in class; to invite to speak

Example: The professor *calls on* students who sit in the front more often than those who sit in back.

Suggestion: If you want the professor to *call on* you frequently, then sit in the front of the room.

Assumption: You sat in the front of the room and weren't *called on*?

Problem: I didn't know the answer when the professor *called on* me.

call the roll v. to read the names on a class roster in order to take attendance

Example: Some professors don't *call the roll*, but Dr. Peterson always does.

Suggestion: You should always find out whether or not the professor *calls the roll*.

Assumption: You mean you weren't there when Dr. Peterson *called the roll*?

Problem: I need to get to class earlier so that I will be there when Dr. Peterson *calls the roll*.

campus n. the buildings and grounds of a college or university

Example: State University has a beautiful *campus*.

Suggestion: You should see the *campus* before you decide to apply to school here.

Assumption: You mean you walked the entire *campus* by yourself?

Problem: I can't go with you to see the *campus* if you go this afternoon.

campus security n. the police on campus

Example: In an emergency, call *campus security*.

Suggestion: You had better call *campus security* to report that your bicycle is missing.

Assumption: The *campus security* is understaffed, isn't it?

Problem: Carol had to call *campus security* to help her get her car started.

carrel n. a private study space in the stacks of the library

Example: There are never enough *carrels* for all of the graduate students.

Suggestion: You should go to the library early in the evening if you want a *carrel*.

Assumption: You mean the *carrels* are free?

Problem: There aren't enough *carrels* in the library.

chapter n. a division in a book

Example: The professor assigned three *chapters* in the textbook.

Suggestion: If I were you, I would set aside several hours to read all of the *chapters* assigned today.

Assumption: So you did allow enough time to finish the *chapters*.

Problem: I have to go to the lab and I am in the middle of a *chapter*.

cheat v. to act dishonestly

Example: Students who *cheat* may be expelled from the university.

Suggestion: You should not *cheat* because the penalty is serious.

Assumption: Gary was expelled because he *cheated*?

Problem: I know that some of my friends *cheated*, but I don't know what to do about it.

cheating n. a dishonest act

Example: Sharing answers on an exam is *cheating*.

Suggestion: You could sit alone during the exam so that the professor knows you are not *cheating*.

Assumption: You consider copying a few sentences from a book *cheating*?

Problem: Should I report it to the professor if I see someone *cheating*?

check out v. to borrow

Example: You must have a library card to *check out* books.

Suggestion: If you want to *check out* books for your research paper, you had better go to the library soon.

Assumption: So you didn't go to the library to *check out* the books you needed?

Problem: I need a new library card to be able to *check out* books.

class n. the meeting place and the content of a course

Example: We have three *classes* together this term.

Suggestion: You could arrange your schedule so that you have three *classes* on the same day.

Assumption: So you wanted your *classes* to be on Friday.

Problem: I have to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so I can't have *classes* on those days.

class discussion n. an exchange of ideas during a class

Example: Dr. Green often has *class discussions* instead of lectures.

Suggestion: If I were you I would prepare for a *class discussion* in tomorrow's class.

Assumption: You prepared for the *class discussion*, didn't you?

Problem: I am not ready for the *class discussion* today.

- closed out** adj. to be denied access to a class
 Example: Register early so that you aren't *closed out* of the classes you want.
 Suggestion: Why don't you plan to register tomorrow before you are *closed out* of the classes you need to graduate?
 Assumption: Sue registered early to avoid being *closed out* of her classes?
 Problem: I was *closed out* of the English class I needed.
- coed** adj. an abbreviation for *coeducational*, which is a system of education in which both men and women attend the same school or classes
 Example: Most of the schools in the United States are *coed*.
 Suggestion: If I were you, I would live in a *coed* dormitory.
 Assumption: You mean you don't attend a *coed* school?
 Problem: My parents don't want me to live in a *coed* dormitory.
- college** n. a school that grants a bachelor's degree; an undergraduate division or a school within a university
 Example: Steve applied to the *college* of business at State University.
 Suggestion: You need to apply to the *college* of nursing early.
 Assumption: So you did apply to several *colleges* after all.
 Problem: The *college* of education requires three letters of recommendation.
- commencement** n. a graduation ceremony
 Example: Larger colleges and universities usually have *commencement* more than once each year.
 Suggestion: You had better be early for *commencement* because it starts on time.
 Assumption: So you did attend last year's *commencement* exercises.
 Problem: I don't have a cap and gown for *commencement*.
- committee** n. a group of professors who guide a graduate student's program and approve the thesis or dissertation
 Example: Bill's *committee* signed his dissertation today.
 Suggestion: You should be prepared before you meet with your *committee*.
 Assumption: Your *committee* didn't approve your dissertation topic?
 Problem: I need to do more research before I meet with my *committee*.
- computer** n. a programmable electronic machine that calculates, processes, and stores information
 Example: At some universities, students must bring their own *computers* with them to school.
 Suggestion: If I were you, I would purchase a *computer* before going to college.
 Assumption: You mean you don't know how to use a *computer*?
 Problem: I need to have my *computer* repaired.
- computer disk** n. a magnetic disk on which computer data is stored
 Example: It's a good idea to save a copy of your papers and projects on a *computer disk*.
 Suggestion: You should always have extra *computer disks*.
 Assumption: You mean you didn't save your work on a *computer disk*?
 Problem: I can't print my paper until I find my *computer disk*.
- counselor** n. a person who gives advice, often of a personal nature
 Example: See your advisor for academic advice and a *counselor* for personal advice.
 Suggestion: Why don't you speak with your *counselor* about the problems with your roommate?
 Assumption: You mean you have to make an appointment before seeing your *counselor*?
 Problem: I can't see my *counselor* until tomorrow.

course n. a class

- Example: How many *courses* are you taking this semester?
 Suggestion: If I were you, I would take fewer *courses* this semester.
 Assumption: You registered for your *courses* already?
 Problem: I need to take *courses* that apply to my major.

course request (form) n. a form used to register for a class

- Example: A student's academic advisor usually signs a *course request* form.
 Suggestion: You should pick up a *course request* form from the registrar's office today.
 Assumption: So you did pick up your *course request* form.
 Problem: I need to speak with my advisor about my *course request* form.

cram v. to study at the last minute

- Example: Nancy always *crams* for the quizzes in her math class.
 Suggestion: Why don't you study each night instead of *cramming* the night before the test?
 Assumption: You mean you *crammed* for the biology final?
 Problem: I need to be more organized so I won't have to *cram* for my tests.

credit n. a unit of study

- Example: I have thirty *credits* toward my master's degree.
 Suggestion: Why don't you check your *credits* with your advisor?
 Assumption: You mean you have enough *credits* to graduate?
 Problem: I have to take thirty more *credits* in my major area.

credit hour n. the number that represents one hour of class per week for one term

- Example: This course is three *credit hours*.
 Suggestion: You could take eighteen *credit hours* this semester.
 Assumption: So you did complete fifteen *credit hours* last summer.
 Problem: I can't take enough *credit hours* to graduate this semester.

curve n. a grading system that relies on the normal curve of distribution, resulting in a few A grades, the majority C grades, and a few failing grades

- Example: Grading on the *curve* encourages competition.
 Suggestion: Forget about the *curve*, and just do your best.
 Assumption: Dr. Graham grades his tests on the *curve*?
 Problem: Since the exams were graded on the *curve*, a 95 was a B.

cut class v. to be absent from class, usually without a good excuse

- Example: My roommate *cut class* on Monday because he didn't come back to campus until late Sunday night.
 Suggestion: You had better not *cut class* on Thursday.
 Assumption: You *cut class* to sleep in?
 Problem: I can't *cut class* because I have too many absences.

dean n. an administrator who ranks above a department chair and below a vice president

- Example: The *dean* called a meeting with the department chair.
 Suggestion: You should meet with the *dean* about your problem.
 Assumption: So you did speak with the *dean*.
 Problem: Vicki has to prepare a presentation for the *dean*.

dean's list n. the honor roll at a college or university

Example: You must maintain a 3.5 grade point average to be on the *dean's list*.

Suggestion: You had better improve your grades if you want to make the *dean's list*.

Assumption: Jack made the *dean's list* last semester?

Problem: I can't make the *dean's list* this semester.

declare v. to make an official decision about a major field of study

Example: Most students *declare* their major in their third year at the university.

Suggestion: If I were you, I would *declare* my major before I take any more classes.

Assumption: You mean you *declared* your major last year?

Problem: Joe needs to *declare* his major soon.

degree n. an academic title awarded to a student who completes a course of study

Example: The three most common *degrees* are a bachelor's, a master's, and a doctorate.

Suggestion: You should get your *degree* before you get married.

Assumption: So you did graduate with a *degree* in music theory.

Problem: I can't get a good job without a *degree*.

department n. a division of a college or university organized by subject

Example: The English *department* offers classes for international students.

Suggestion: Why don't you check the *department's* phone number again?

Assumption: So you worked in the English *department* office.

Problem: I can't find the list of the *department* offices.

department chair n. a university administrator for a division of a college or university

Example: The professors in a department report to the *department chair*.

Suggestion: You could speak to the *department chair* about auditing the class.

Assumption: You mean Dr. Carlson is the new *department chair*?

Problem: I can't meet with the *department chair* until after registration.

diploma n. the certificate of completion for a degree

Example: Students receive their *diplomas* at the graduation ceremony.

Suggestion: You should get your *diploma* framed.

Assumption: So you did show your family your *diploma*.

Problem: I need to mail this form and pay my fees before I can get my *diploma*.

dissertation n. a thesis that is written in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a doctorate.

Example: Dr. Green wrote his *dissertation* on global warming.

Suggestion: If I were you, I would consider several ideas before selecting a *dissertation* topic.

Assumption: You mean you already started your *dissertation*?

Problem: I can't find enough research on my *dissertation* topic.

distance learning n. courses organized so that students can complete the requirements by computer, or other media, often without going to campus

Example: There are several *distance learning* opportunities for working adults.

Suggestion: Why don't you sign up for that course through *distance learning*?

Assumption: So you did take that *distance learning* class.

Problem: I can only take three *distance learning* classes.

division n. a group of departments in a college or university

Example: The *division* of modern languages includes both the Spanish department and the French department as well as the German department.

Suggestion: Why don't you go to the *division* of math and sciences to find more information about biology instructors?

Assumption: You mean you've already spoken to Dr. Conrad about the entrance exam for the *division* of social sciences?

Problem: I need to find out what opportunities the *division* of modern languages offers for foreign study.

doctorate n. the degree after a master's degree awarded to an academic doctor

Example: Karen will receive her *doctorate* in the spring.

Suggestion: You should meet with your academic advisor to discuss a *doctorate*.

Assumption: So you did receive your *doctorate* from State University.

Problem: I must complete my dissertation before I get my *doctorate*.

dorm n. an abbreviation for *dormitory*

Example: Living on campus in a *dorm* is often cheaper than living off campus.

Suggestion: You should live in a *dorm* for at least one year.

Assumption: You lived in a *dorm* for four years?

Problem: Sue needs to apply now for a room in the *dorm*.

draft n. a preliminary copy of a paper or other written document

Example: A good student does not turn in a first *draft* of a paper.

Suggestion: You should edit each *draft* on the computer.

Assumption: You wrote the first *draft* in one night?

Problem: I can't turn in my essay because I have only the first *draft* written.

drop v. to withdraw from a course

Example: If you *drop* a course early in the term, you may get a partial refund.

Suggestion: If I were you, I would *drop* the class immediately.

Assumption: You mean you *dropped* the class because it was too hard?

Problem: Bill needs to *drop* one of his classes because he is taking too many credit hours.

drop out v. to withdraw from a college or university

Example: Mark *dropped out* because he needed to work full-time.

Suggestion: You could *drop out* and then reenter next semester.

Assumption: Diane *dropped out* after her junior year?

Problem: I have to *drop out* because I don't have enough money for tuition.

due adj. expected on a certain date

Example: The assignment is *due* on Friday.

Suggestion: Why don't you turn in the paper before it's *due*?

Assumption: You mean the project is *due* this week?

Problem: I can't complete the assignment by the *due* date.

elective (course) n., adj. an optional academic course

Example: In the junior year, most students are taking *elective* courses as well as requirements.

Suggestion: Take some *elective* classes in your areas of outside interest.

Assumption: So you did take an *elective* in art appreciation.

Problem: I can't take any *elective* classes this semester.

enrolled adj. registered for a course or a university program

Example: Only a few students are *enrolled* in seminars.

Suggestion: Why don't you *enroll* early before the class fills up?

Assumption: You mean you didn't *enroll* in the computer class?

Problem: I can't *enroll* in that class without taking the introductory class first.

essay n. a short composition on a single subject, usually presenting the personal opinion of the author

Example: An *essay* is often five paragraphs long.

Suggestion: If I were you, I would make an outline before writing the *essay*.

Assumption: So you did pass the *essay* class.

Problem: I have to write an *essay* for my class on Friday.

exam n. an abbreviation for *examination*

Example: The professor scheduled several quizzes and one *exam*.

Suggestion: You had better prepare for the *exam* in chemistry.

Assumption: You studied for the physics *exam*?

Problem: I have to meet with my study group before the *exam*.

excused absence n. absence with the permission of the professor

Example: Dr. Mitchell allows every student one *excused absence* each semester.

Suggestion: You could take an *excused absence* in your Friday class so we could leave early.

Assumption: You mean you have two *excused absences* in biology?

Problem: I already have one *excused absence* in Dr. Mitchell's class.

expel v. to dismiss from school

Example: Gary was *expelled* because he cheated on an exam.

Suggestion: You should avoid getting *expelled* at all costs.

Assumption: Gary was *expelled* from the university?

Problem: I would be *expelled* if I helped you.

extension n. additional time

Example: We asked Dr. Peterson for an *extension* in order to complete the group project.

Suggestion: You should organize your time so that you will not have to ask for an *extension*.

Assumption: You mean your request for an *extension* was denied?

Problem: I need to meet with my professor to discuss an *extension*.

faculty member n. a teacher in a college or university

Example: Dr. Baker is a *faculty member* at State University.

Suggestion: Why don't you ask a *faculty member* for directions?

Assumption: You didn't meet any of the new *faculty members* when you visited the campus?

Problem: I don't know the other *faculty members* in my department very well.

fail v. to receive an unacceptable grade

Example: If Mary gets another low grade, she will *fail* the course.

Suggestion: You had better complete the project or you will *fail* the class.

Assumption: You mean you *failed* the exam?

Problem: I have to study tonight or I will *fail* the test tomorrow.

fee n. a charge for services

Example: You must pay a *fee* to park your car on campus.

Suggestion: If I were you, I would pay my *fees* before the late penalty applies.

Assumption: You mean there are *fees* for using the recreational facilities?

Problem: I need to go to the business office to pay my *fees*.

field trip n. a trip for observation and education

Example: The geology class usually takes several *field trips* to the museum.

Suggestion: You should wear sturdy shoes on the *field trip*.

Assumption: You didn't sign up for the *field trip* to the art gallery?

Problem: I have to go on a *field trip* Saturday morning, but my boss won't let me off work.

fill-in-the-blank (test) n., adj. an objective test in which the student completes sentences by writing in the missing words

Example: Dr. Stephens always gives *fill-in-the-blank* tests during the semester, but he gives short-essay finals.

Suggestion: You had better study the definitions for the *fill-in-the-blank* portion of the test.

Assumption: You mean the test was all *fill-in-the-blank*?

Problem: Kathy needs to do better on the *fill-in-the-blank* questions.

final (exam) n. the last examination of an academic course

Example: The *final* will include questions from the notes as well as from the textbook.

Suggestion: You should use both your notes and the text to review for the *final* exam.

Assumption: You finished your *final* in an hour?

Problem: I have to prepare for two *final* exams on the same day.

fine n. a sum of money paid for violation of a rule

Example: The *fine* for keeping a library book after the due date is one dollar per day.

Suggestion: You should move your car to avoid a *fine*.

Assumption: You mean you were charged a *fine* for parking there?

Problem: I need to pay my *fin*es before the end of the semester.

fraternity n. a social organization for male college students

Example: Bill is going to join a *fraternity*.

Suggestion: You could join a professional *fraternity*.

Assumption: You were invited to join three *fraternities*?

Problem: I can't afford to join a *fraternity*.

fraternity row n. a street where many fraternity houses are located

Example: I live on Fifth Street, near *fraternity row*.

Suggestion: Why don't you walk down *fraternity row* to look at the homecoming decorations?

Assumption: Isn't Ken going to live on *fraternity row* next year?

Problem: I can't find a place to park on *fraternity row*.

freshman n. a first-year college student

Example: Most of the students in Manchester Hall are *freshmen*.

Suggestion: You should establish good study habits while you are a *freshman*.

Assumption: Didn't you live in a dorm when you were a *freshman*?

Problem: The *freshmen* have to take requirements.

- full-time** adj. the number of hours for standard tuition at a college or university, usually 9 hours for a graduate student and 12–15 hours for an undergraduate student
- Example: Tom is a *full-time* student this semester.
- Suggestion: If I were you, I would register as a *full-time* student this semester.
- Assumption: You mean the scholarship is only available to *full-time* students?
- Problem: I need to register as a *full-time* student to be eligible for a loan.
- get behind** v. to be late or off schedule
- Example: I am *getting behind* in my math class.
- Suggestion: You had better study this weekend or you will *get behind* in English.
- Assumption: Ken *got behind* in his classes?
- Problem: I *got behind* in French, and now my class is really confusing.
- get caught up** v. to bring up to date
- Example: We are going to *get caught up* in our classes this weekend.
- Suggestion: Why don't you *get caught up* in English before you start your next project?
- Assumption: Sue *got caught up* over vacation?
- Problem: I need to *get caught up* before final exams.
- G.P.A.** n. abbreviation for grade point average
- Example: Kathy's *G.P.A.* as an undergraduate was 4.0, but she isn't doing as well in graduate school.
- Suggestion: You should be concerned about your *G.P.A.*
- Assumption: Laura's *G.P.A.* dropped last semester?
- Problem: I can't raise my *G.P.A.* if I take calculus.
- grade point average** n. a scale, usually 0–4, on which grades are calculated
- Example: If students' *grade point averages* fall below 2.0, they will be placed on probation.
- Suggestion: If I were you, I would speak to my academic advisor about your *grade point average*.
- Assumption: You mean your *grade point average* is more important than work experience?
- Problem: I need to improve my *grade point average*.
- grades** n. a standard number or letter indicating a student's level of performance
- Example: We will get our *grades* in the mail a week after the semester is over.
- Suggestion: You should check the *grades* that the professor posted.
- Assumption: Our *grades* are already in the mail?
- Problem: I have to have better *grades* to get into the college of business.
- graduate school** n. a division of a college or university to serve students who are pursuing masters or doctoral degrees
- Example: I would like to apply to *graduate school* after I complete my bachelor's degree.
- Suggestion: Why don't you work a year before applying to *graduate school*?
- Assumption: So Tracy did get accepted to *graduate school*?
- Problem: I have to get letters of recommendation to apply to *graduate school*.
- graduate student** n. a student who is pursuing a master's or doctorate
- Example: *Graduate students* must maintain higher grades than undergraduate students.
- Suggestion: You had better work with the other *graduate students* on this project.
- Assumption: You mean only *graduate students* are allowed to take this class?
- Problem: All of the students in the class are *graduate students* except me.

grant n. funds for research or study

Example: Carol received a *grant* for her research in psychology.

Suggestion: You should apply for a summer *grant*.

Assumption: You mean there are *grants* available for undergraduate students?

Problem: Bill needs to write a proposal before Tuesday if he wants to be considered for a *grant*.

group project n. an assignment to be completed by three or more students

Example: I prefer to work on *group projects* instead of on assignments by myself.

Suggestion: You should select your *group project* before midterm.

Assumption: You've chosen your *group project* already?

Problem: The *group project* will take more time than I thought.

hand back v. return an assignment

Example: Dr. Graham always *hands back* our assignments the next day.

Suggestion: You had better be there when Dr. Mitchell *hands back* your exam.

Assumption: Dr. Mitchell hasn't *handed back* your exam yet?

Problem: I can't find the exam that he *handed back*.

handout n. prepared notes that a teacher provides to the class

Example: Dr. Stephen's *handouts* are always very helpful.

Suggestion: You had better save all of your *handouts*.

Assumption: You lost the *handouts*?

Problem: I need to organize all of my *handouts* before I start to study for the final.

head resident n. the advisor for a dormitory

Example: The *head resident* can help you resolve problems with your roommate.

Suggestion: If I were you, I would introduce myself to the *head resident*.

Assumption: So you did speak with the *head resident*.

Problem: I can't find the *head resident*.

health center n. the clinic on campus to provide basic health care for students

Example: We are going to the *health center* for a free eye examination.

Suggestion: You had better go to the *health center* for that cough.

Assumption: You mean the *health center* is closed?

Problem: I am too sick to go to the *health center*.

health insurance n. protection for students who may need medical attention

Example: *Health insurance* is required on most campuses.

Suggestion: You need to purchase *health insurance* through the university.

Assumption: You don't have a *health insurance* policy?

Problem: I have to earn some more money to pay for my *health insurance*.

hit the books v. to study very hard

Example: I have to *hit the books* tonight and tomorrow to get ready for the midterm.

Suggestion: You had better *hit the books* for Dr. Sheridan's exam.

Assumption: You mean you didn't *hit the books* for the psychology exam?

Problem: My friends have to *hit the books* this weekend so they can't go to the party with me.

homework n. schoolwork done at home

- Example: If I do my *homework* every day, I understand the lectures better.
 Suggestion: Why don't you do your *homework* before dinner?
 Assumption: There wasn't any *homework* last night, was there?
 Problem: I have to do my *homework* in order to be prepared for the class discussion.

honors n. a program of study or a special recognition for exceptional students

- Example: Jane is graduating with *honors*.
 Suggestion: You could live in an *honors* dorm.
 Assumption: So you did enroll in the *honors* program.
 Problem: The courses in the *honors* program are much harder than the regular courses.

housing office n. an administrative office for residence halls and off-campus rentals

- Example: Let's go over to the *housing office* to ask about apartments near the campus.
 Suggestion: If I were you, I would check at the *housing office* for a dorm application.
 Assumption: You mean the *housing office* closed early?
 Problem: I need to speak with someone in the *housing office* about my application.

incomplete n. a grade in a course that allows students to complete requirements the following term

- Example: I asked Dr. Young for an *incomplete* in his class.
 Suggestion: You should request an *incomplete* at least two weeks before the end of the term.
 Assumption: Bill took an *incomplete* in sociology last semester?
 Problem: I can't ask Dr. Young for another *incomplete*.

instructor n. a college or university teacher who ranks below an assistant professor

- Example: My *instructor* for math is from Hawaii.
 Suggestion: You should check with the *instructor* to see if there is room in the class.
 Assumption: The *instructor* was absent?
 Problem: I can't seem to get along with my *instructor*.

interactive television (course) n. a distance learning course that is taught on two-way television connections

- Example: The instructor for our *interactive television* course is on a campus about fifty miles away.
 Suggestion: You could take that class on the *interactive television*.
 Assumption: Dr. Stephen's class is offered on *interactive television*?
 Problem: *Interactive television* classes make me uncomfortable.

interlibrary loan n. a system that allows students on one campus to borrow books from other libraries on other campuses

- Example: It takes at least a week to receive a book by *interlibrary loan*.
 Suggestion: You could see if the book is available through *interlibrary loan*.
 Assumption: Your *interlibrary loan* books arrived in time?
 Problem: I can't seem to find the desk for *interlibrary loans*.

internship n. a training opportunity for an advanced student or a recent graduate

- Example: Bill got an *internship* at the University Hospital.
 Suggestion: You should apply for an *internship* very early.
 Assumption: You are getting paid for your *internship*?
 Problem: I need to serve a two-year *internship*.

junior n. a third-year college student

- Example: When I am a *junior*, I plan to study abroad for a semester.
 Suggestion: You could concentrate on your major your *junior* year.
 Assumption: A *junior* can study abroad?
 Problem: I need to carry eighteen credit hours both semesters of my *junior* year.

keep grades up v. to maintain a good grade point average

- Example: If Joanne doesn't *keep her grades up*, she will lose her scholarship.
 Suggestion: You need to study harder if you want to *keep your grades up*.
 Assumption: Kathy didn't *keep her grades up* this semester?
 Problem: I can't *keep my grades up* and work full-time.

lab n. abbreviation for laboratory

- Example: The course includes a five-hour *lab*.
 Suggestion: You had better allow sufficient time for your biology *lab*.
 Assumption: You missed the last *lab* session?
 Problem: I need to find a partner for my psychology *lab*.

lab assistant n. a graduate student who helps in the lab

- Example: Bill is Dr. Peterson's *lab assistant*.
 Suggestion: You could ask the *lab assistant* for help.
 Assumption: You are the *lab assistant*, aren't you?
 Problem: I need to speak with the *lab assistant* before class.

laboratory n. a classroom equipped for experiments and research

- Example: The physics *laboratory* at State University is very old.
 Suggestion: You could meet your biology study group in the *laboratory*.
 Assumption: The *laboratory* isn't closed Saturday, is it?
 Problem: I have to get directions to the *laboratory*.

lab report n. a written description of the laboratory activities

- Example: Our *lab reports* are due every Friday.
 Suggestion: If I were you, I wouldn't wait to start my *lab report*.
 Assumption: You mean the *lab reports* have to be typed?
 Problem: I have to turn in my *lab report* tomorrow.

learning assistance center n. an area used for tutoring and special programs to help students with their classes

- Example: I have to meet my tutor at the *learning assistance center* at four o'clock.
 Suggestion: You should go to the *learning assistance center* for help in the morning.
 Assumption: So Nancy did go to the *learning assistance center* for tutoring.
 Problem: The tutors at the *learning assistance center* are all juniors and seniors, so I don't qualify.

lecture n. a presentation for a class, delivered by the professor

- Example: The *lectures* are really interesting, but I don't enjoy the labs as much.
 Suggestion: You should take more notes during Dr. Mitchell's *lectures*.
 Assumption: The *lecture* is canceled for today?
 Problem: I can't keep up with the *lectures*.

lecturer n. a college or university teacher, usually without rank

Example: Mr. Lewis is only a *lecturer*, but his classes are very good.

Suggestion: If I were you, I would speak with the *lecturer* about your questions.

Assumption: The *lecturer* isn't here?

Problem: I can't take notes because the *lecturer* speaks too fast.

library n. the building on campus where books and other research materials are kept

Example: Vicki has a job in the *library*.

Suggestion: Your study group could reserve a study room in the *library*.

Assumption: You mean the *library* is within walking distance?

Problem: I need to return my books to the *library*.

library card n. an identification card that permits the holder to borrow books and materials from the library

Example: Without a *library card*, you can't borrow books here.

Suggestion: You should get a *library card* right away.

Assumption: So you did bring your *library card* with you.

Problem: I can't use my *library card* because I owe a fine.

library fine n. a payment for returning books and materials after the due date

Example: You can't get your grade report unless you pay your *library fines*.

Suggestion: You should pay your *library fines* immediately.

Assumption: You owe ten dollars in *library fines*?

Problem: Nancy needs to pay her *library fines* before she checks out any more books.

lost and found n. an area on campus where items are kept for their owners to reclaim

Example: Maybe someone picked up your book and took it to the *lost and found*.

Suggestion: Why don't you check at the *lost and found* for your backpack?

Assumption: You mean Sue's wallet wasn't at the *lost and found*?

Problem: Sue needs to fill out a report at the *lost and found*.

lower-division (course) adj. introductory-level courses for first- and second-year students

Example: Seniors don't usually take *lower-division* courses.

Suggestion: You should take *lower-division* classes your first year.

Assumption: You mean all of the *lower-division* classes are full?

Problem: I have to take a *lower-division* class before I can take the advanced course.

major n. a field of study chosen as an academic specialty

Example: My *major* is environmental studies.

Suggestion: You should declare your *major* by your junior year.

Assumption: You mean you have to declare a *major* to graduate?

Problem: I have to tell my advisor my *major* tomorrow.

makeup test n. a test taken after the date of the original administration

Example: Dr. Stephens usually allows her students to take a *makeup test* if there is a good reason for being absent.

Suggestion: You could speak with Dr. Stephens about taking a *makeup test*.

Assumption: Dr. Peterson let you take a *makeup test*?

Problem: Dana needs to take a *makeup test* before spring break.

married student housing n. apartments on or near campus for married students

- Example: There is usually a waiting list to be assigned to *married student housing*.
 Suggestion: If I were you, I would get an application for *married student housing* today.
 Assumption: You mean there are no vacancies in *married student housing*?
 Problem: We need to pick up an application for *married student housing*.

Mickey Mouse course n. a very easy course

- Example: This is a *Mickey Mouse course*, but it is on my program of study.
 Suggestion: Why don't you take one *Mickey Mouse course* this semester just for fun?
 Assumption: You thought physics was a *Mickey Mouse course*?
 Problem: I have to take this *Mickey Mouse course* to fulfill my physical education requirement.

midterm n. an exam that is given in the middle of the term

- Example: I got an A on my *midterm* in accounting.
 Suggestion: Why don't you study with your study group for the music theory *midterm*?
 Assumption: You mean Sue failed her economics *midterm*?
 Problem: I have three *midterms* in one day.

minor n. a secondary area of study

- Example: With a major in international business, I decided to do my *minor* in English.
 Suggestion: You should *minor* in economics since you're studying prelaw.
 Assumption: You mean you've completed all of your *minor* classes?
 Problem: I need one more class to complete my *minor*.

miss (class) v. to be absent

- Example: My roommate is *missing* a lot of classes lately.
 Suggestion: If I were you I wouldn't *miss* Dr. Mitchell's class today.
 Assumption: So you did *miss* class last Friday.
 Problem: I can't *miss* any more of Dr. Mitchell's classes or my grade will be lowered by one letter.

multiple-choice test n. an objective test with questions that provide several possible answer choices

- Example: We usually have *multiple-choice tests* in Dr. Graham's classes.
 Suggestion: You had better study very carefully for Dr. Graham's *multiple-choice test*.
 Assumption: It was a *multiple-choice test*?
 Problem: I don't usually do well on *multiple-choice tests*.

notebook n. a bound book with blank pages in it for notes

- Example: I lost the *notebook* with my biology notes in it.
 Suggestion: You should make sure that your *notebook* is well organized.
 Assumption: You lost your *notebook*?
 Problem: I need to organize my *notebook* this weekend.

notebook computer n. a computer the size of a notebook

- Example: Joe has a *notebook computer* that he uses in class.
 Suggestion: Why don't you use my *notebook computer* to see whether you like it?
 Assumption: So you did purchase a *notebook computer*.
 Problem: I can't possibly afford a *notebook computer* right now.

- notes** n. a brief record of a lecture to help students recall the important points
 Example: We didn't take *notes* in class today because most of the lecture was from the book.
 Suggestion: You should copy Tracy's *notes* before the next test.
 Assumption: You mean you lent your *notes* to someone?
 Problem: I need to recopy my *notes* this evening.
- objective test** n. a test with questions that have one possible answer, usually presented in a multiple-choice, matching, or true-false format
 Example: The final exam will be an *objective test*, not an essay test.
 Suggestion: You should probably prepare for an *objective test* in math.
 Assumption: The final exam was an *objective test*?
 Problem: I have to study harder for *objective tests*.
- off campus** adj. not on university property
 Example: There are some very nice apartments just *off campus* on State Street.
 Suggestion: You should come to campus early unless you want to park *off campus*.
 Assumption: You mean Carol doesn't want to live *off campus*?
 Problem: I need to live *off campus* to save money.
- office** n. a place for university faculty and staff to meet with students and do their work
 Example: Mr. Lewis has an *office* in Madison Hall.
 Suggestion: Most of the advisors' *offices* are in Sycamore Hall.
 Assumption: So you did find Mr. Lewis's *office* before he left for the day.
 Problem: I have to go to the business *office* tomorrow to ask about my bill.
- office hours** n. a schedule when faculty are in their offices to meet with students
 Example: *Office hours* are usually posted on the door of the professor's office.
 Suggestion: You should write down the instructor's *office hours* in your notebook.
 Assumption: You don't know Dr. Miller's *office hours*?
 Problem: I can't find my copy of Dr. Miller's *office hours*.
- online course** n. a course taught on the Internet
 Example: There is a separate list of *online courses* this semester.
 Suggestion: Why don't you consider an *online course* in economics?
 Assumption: Joe took an *online course* last year?
 Problem: I need a computer to take an *online course*.
- on probation** prep. experiencing a trial period to improve grades before disciplinary action
 Example: Kathy is *on probation*, so she will probably be studying this weekend.
 Suggestion: You had better keep up your grades or you will end up *on probation*.
 Assumption: Sue couldn't be *on probation* again.
 Problem: I can't let my parents find out that I am *on probation*.
- on reserve** prep. retained in a special place in the library, usually for use only in the library.
 Example: Dr. Young always puts a lot of books *on reserve* for his classes.
 Suggestion: You could check to see if the book is *on reserve*.
 Assumption: You mean the articles are *on reserve*?
 Problem: I have to find out which books are *on reserve*.

- open-book test** n. a test during which students may consult their books and notes
 Example: *Open-book tests* are often longer than other tests.
 Suggestion: You should still prepare even though it is an *open-book test*.
 Assumption: You mean you didn't know it was an *open-book test*?
 Problem: I can't find my notes for the *open-book test*.
- orientation** n. a program for new students at a college or university during which they receive information about the school
 Example: I missed the first day of *orientation*, so I didn't get a map.
 Suggestion: You should sit near the front during *orientation*.
 Assumption: So you did go to freshman *orientation*.
 Problem: I have to go to *orientation* tomorrow evening.
- override** n. permission to enter a class for which the student does not qualify
 Example: Dr. Stephens will usually give you an *override* if you need the class.
 Suggestion: You should speak to the professor about getting an *override* for that class.
 Assumption: You mean your request for an *override* was denied?
 Problem: I need to get an *override* so that I can take that class.
- paper** n. a research report
 Example: The *papers* for this class should be at least ten pages long.
 Suggestion: You had better follow Dr. Carlyle's guidelines for this *paper*.
 Assumption: Laura turned in her *paper* late?
 Problem: I can't print my *paper* because I need an ink cartridge for my printer.
- parking garage** n. a structure for parking, usually requiring payment
 Example: The *parking garages* are too far away from the classrooms.
 Suggestion: You had better get a parking permit for the *parking garage*.
 Assumption: You mean you don't know which *parking garage* you used?
 Problem: I have to find a *parking garage* with a vacancy.
- parking lot** n. an area for parking
 Example: This *parking lot* is for students only.
 Suggestion: You should avoid leaving your car in the *parking lot* overnight.
 Assumption: You mean your car was towed from the *parking lot*?
 Problem: I have to leave early to get a spot in the *parking lot* beside the dorm.
- parking permit** n. permission to park in certain parking lots or garages
 Example: Your *parking permit* expires at the end of the month.
 Suggestion: If I were you, I would get a *parking permit* when you register.
 Assumption: My *parking permit* has expired?
 Problem: I need to pay my fines before they will issue me another *parking permit*.
- parking space** n. a designated area for one car
 Example: There is a car in my *parking space*.
 Suggestion: You should not use a reserved *parking space*.
 Assumption: So you did park in someone else's *parking space*.
 Problem: I can't find a *parking space*.

- parking ticket** n. notice of a fine due for parking in a restricted area
 Example: If you don't take care of your *parking tickets*, you won't be able to register for classes next semester.
 Suggestion: You could avoid getting *parking tickets* by using the student parking lots.
 Assumption: You mean Carol got a *parking ticket* because she didn't have a permit?
 Problem: I have to save money to pay my *parking tickets*.
- part-time** adj. less than the full work day or school day
 Example: Laura has a *part-time* job after school.
 Suggestion: Why don't you get a *part-time* job to pay for your books?
 Assumption: You applied for a *part-time* job on campus?
 Problem: I need to find a *part-time* job this summer.
- pass back** v. to return tests and assignments to the owner
 Example: Dr. Young is going to *pass back* our quizzes today.
 Suggestion: You should ask Dr. Young for an appointment after he *passes back* the tests.
 Assumption: Dr. Young didn't *pass back* the papers?
 Problem: I have to get my paper from Dr. Young because I wasn't there when he *passed them back*.
- placement office** n. the office where students receive assistance in locating employment
 Example: Several companies are interviewing students at the *placement office* this week.
 Suggestion: Why don't you check the interview listing in the *placement office* on Monday?
 Assumption: Joe got his job through the *placement office*?
 Problem: I need to schedule an interview in the *placement office*.
- plagiarize** v. to use someone else's written work without giving that person credit
 Example: To avoid *plagiarizing*, always cite the source.
 Suggestion: If you change this sentence, it will keep you from *plagiarizing*.
 Assumption: You mean you know someone who *plagiarized*?
 Problem: The professor thought that I had *plagiarized* a report.
- pop quiz** n. a quiz that is given without notice
 Example: We had a *pop quiz* in our sociology class today.
 Suggestion: You should always be prepared for a *pop quiz*.
 Assumption: You passed all of the *pop quizzes*?
 Problem: I have to be on time to class in case there is a *pop quiz* at the beginning of class.
- post (grade)** v. to publish a list and display it in a public place
 Example: The grades for the exams are *posted* on Dr. Graham's door.
 Suggestion: You should see if the grades have been *posted* yet.
 Assumption: The assignments aren't *posted* yet, are they?
 Problem: I can't get to campus to see if the grades are *posted*.
- prerequisite** n. a course required before a student is eligible to take a higher-level course
 Example: This English class has two *prerequisites*.
 Suggestion: You should check the *prerequisites* before seeing your advisor.
 Assumption: You took the *prerequisites* last year?
 Problem: I have to pass the *prerequisites* before I can register for the next class.

- presentation** n. a lecture, speech, or demonstration in front of the class
 Example: Your *presentation* in our anthropology class was very interesting.
 Suggestion: You could use more pictures in your *presentation*.
 Assumption: You mean your *presentation* is fifty minutes long?
 Problem: I need to get over my fear of public speaking before I give my *presentation*.
- professor** n. a college or university teacher who ranks above an associate professor
 Example: Dr. Baker is a *professor* of English.
 Suggestion: Why don't you speak with your *professor* about the project?
 Assumption: The *professor's* office hours are posted, aren't they?
 Problem: I need to speak to my *professor* before class on Friday.
- program of study** n. a list of the courses that a student must take to fulfill the requirements for graduation
 Example: If you want to change your *program of study*, you must see your advisor.
 Suggestion: Why don't you review your *program of study* in your catalog?
 Assumption: The *program of study* is a four-year plan, isn't it?
 Problem: I need to become familiar with my *program of study*.
- project** n. an assignment that often involves the application of knowledge
 Example: We can do the *project* by ourselves or in a group.
 Suggestion: Why don't you and your study group do the *project* together?
 Assumption: You did the *project* that everyone is talking about?
 Problem: I have to present my *project* to the class.
- quarter** n. a school term that is usually ten to twelve weeks in length
 Example: This *quarter* has gone by very quickly.
 Suggestion: You could take fewer classes next *quarter*.
 Assumption: You mean you have to finish your thesis this *quarter*?
 Problem: I need to study harder next *quarter*.
- quiz** n. an evaluation that is usually shorter and worth fewer points than a test
 Example: We have a *quiz* in our algebra class every week.
 Suggestion: You should always be prepared for a *quiz*.
 Assumption: The *quiz* doesn't include last night's reading, does it?
 Problem: We have a *quiz* in chemistry this week.
- registrar** n. a university official in charge of keeping records
 Example: You need to see the *registrar* about your grade change.
 Suggestion: If I were you, I would check with the *registrar* about your transcript.
 Assumption: So you did file a change of address with the *registrar*.
 Problem: The *registrar* is unavailable until next week.
- registration** n. the process for enrolling in courses at a college or university
 Example: *Registration* always takes longer than I think it will.
 Suggestion: You should meet with your advisor before *registration*.
 Assumption: You mean that early *registration* is available for graduate students?
 Problem: I can't get to *registration* before noon.

report n. a written or oral presentation of results, either of research or experimentation

Example: Ken gave an excellent *report* in our management class today.

Suggestion: If I were you, I would allow more time for my next *report*.

Assumption: So you did listen to Ken's *report*.

Problem: I have to do five oral *reports* for speech class.

research n. investigation or study

Example: Dr. Peterson is going to give a lecture about her *research* on cross-cultural interaction.

Suggestion: You could use my class for your *research*.

Assumption: Your *research* is complete, isn't it?

Problem: I need more sources for my *research*.

research assistant n. a research position under the supervision of a faculty member

Example: The *research assistants* get to know the faculty better than the other graduate students do.

Suggestion: You could apply to be a *research assistant* next year.

Assumption: You mean Ken's a *research assistant*?

Problem: I need to speak to the *research assistant* who works in the psychology lab.

research paper n. a written report based on research

Example: Use at least ten references for your *research papers*.

Suggestion: You had better go to the library soon if you want that book for your *research paper*.

Assumption: You mean we have to present our *research paper* to the class?

Problem: I can't get started on my *research paper*.

resident advisor n. an advisor who lives in a dormitory in order to provide supervision and counseling for the students

Example: We call our *resident advisor* the "head resident."

Suggestion: Why don't you speak to the *resident advisor* about your problem?

Assumption: You live next door to the *resident advisor*?

Problem: I need to speak with the *resident advisor* regarding the desk in my room.

review session n. a study meeting to review material before a test, often led by the professor

Example: I'm on my way to a *review session* for my art appreciation class.

Suggestion: You could schedule a *review session* with your study group.

Assumption: The *review session* was productive?

Problem: I can't meet Thursday afternoon for the *review session*.

room and board n. fees for room rent and meals

Example: The fees for *room and board* go up every year.

Suggestion: You should plan to include the price of *room and board* in your budget.

Assumption: You mean your scholarship covers *room and board*?

Problem: I need to find a part-time job to pay for *room and board*.

roommate n. a person who shares a room or rooms

Example: I think Diane is looking for a *roommate*.

Suggestion: Why don't you and Diane get another *roommate*?

Assumption: You mean you're looking for another *roommate*?

Problem: I need a *roommate* to share my rent.

schedule n. a list of courses with days, times, and locations

Example: My *schedule* this semester allows me to work in the afternoons.

Suggestion: With your *schedule*, you could get a job at school.

Assumption: Your *schedule* doesn't include evening classes?

Problem: I can't fit that class into my *schedule*.

scholarship n. a grant awarded to a student

Example: Tracy got a *scholarship* to attend a special summer course abroad.

Suggestion: Why don't you apply for a *scholarship*?

Assumption: There aren't any *scholarships* available for international students, are there?

Problem: I have to turn the application in tomorrow to be eligible for the *scholarship*.

section n. one of several options for the same course

Example: Everyone wants to take the *section* that Mrs. McNiel teaches.

Suggestion: You could ask Mrs. McNiel to let you into her *section*.

Assumption: You mean there are no *sections* open in the morning?

Problem: I can't get into that *section* because it is closed.

semester n. a school term that is usually fifteen to eighteen weeks in length

Example: When the *semester* is over, I am going to visit my family.

Suggestion: You could sign up for more classes this *semester*.

Assumption: This *semester* ends before winter break, doesn't it?

Problem: I need to take eighteen credit hours next *semester*.

senior n. a fourth-year student

Example: Laura will be a *senior* next semester.

Suggestion: If I were you, I would take that class as a *senior*.

Assumption: You mean Dana is a *senior*?

Problem: I have to take five classes when I'm a *senior*.

short-essay test n. a test with questions that require a written response of one sentence to one paragraph in length

Example: I would rather take a *short-essay test* than an objective test.

Suggestion: You had better study your notes for Dr. Mitchell's *short-essay test*.

Assumption: You think a *short-essay test* is easier than an objective test?

Problem: I have three *short-essay tests* in that class.

shuttle n. a bus that has a short route around the campus area

Example: Carol has a car, but she still uses the campus *shuttle* most of the time.

Suggestion: If I were you, I would take the *shuttle* at night.

Assumption: You mean there's no *shuttle* on Sundays?

Problem: I need to leave early to catch the *shuttle*.

sign up (for a class) v. to enroll (in a class)

Example: Let's *sign up* for the same geology class.

Suggestion: You should *sign up* for Dr. Brown's music theory class.

Assumption: So you did *sign up* for the field trip.

Problem: I can't *sign up* for that class because it conflicts with my schedule.

skip class v. to be absent

- Example: Nancy has been *skipping* class again.
 Suggestion: If I were you, I wouldn't *skip class* this week.
 Assumption: Ken *skipped class* yesterday?
 Problem: Bill *skipped class* on the day of the test.

snack bar n. a small restaurant area where a limited menu is available

- Example: We usually meet at the *snack bar* for a quick lunch.
 Suggestion: You could meet me at the *snack bar*.
 Assumption: So you did go to the *snack bar* after class.
 Problem: I need to go to the *snack bar* between classes because I don't have a break for lunch.

social security number n. a nine-digit number that is often used for student identification as well as for employment purposes

- Example: What is your *social security number*?
 Suggestion: You should memorize your *social security number*.
 Assumption: Your *social security number* is on your license, isn't it?
 Problem: Anna doesn't have a *social security number*.

sophomore n. a second-year college student

- Example: A full-time student is usually a *sophomore* by the third semester.
 Suggestion: You had better complete your general education classes by the end of your *sophomore* year.
 Assumption: You mean Bill is only a *sophomore*?
 Problem: I can't take advanced psychology because I am only a *sophomore*.

sorority n. a social organization for female college students

- Example: About a dozen *sororities* are on campus.
 Suggestion: You should consider joining a *sorority*.
 Assumption: So you did join a *sorority*.
 Problem: *Sororities* require a lot of time.

spring break n. a short vacation in the middle of the spring semester

- Example: Some of my friends are going to Florida for *spring break*.
 Suggestion: Why don't you visit your family over *spring break*?
 Assumption: You got your research paper done over *spring break*?
 Problem: I have to work during *spring break*.

stacks n. the area of the library where most of the books are shelved

- Example: At a small college, the *stacks* are usually open to all of the students.
 Suggestion: You should look in the *stacks* for that book.
 Assumption: The librarian let you go up in the *stacks* to look for your own book?
 Problem: I need to find a carrel in the *stacks*.

student n. one who attends a school

- Example: State University has more than fifty-thousand *students* enrolled on the main campus.
 Suggestion: If you tell them that you are a *student*, maybe you will get a discount.
 Assumption: You mean you aren't a *student*?
 Problem: I need to find five *students* to complete my study.

- student I.D. number** n. a number used for identification at a college or university, often a social security number
- Example: Your social security number is your *student I.D. number*.
- Suggestion: You should write your *student I.D. number* on all of your papers.
- Assumption: Pat has a *student I.D. number*?
- Problem: I can't seem to remember my *student I.D. number*.
- student services** n. an administrative branch of a college or university that provides noninstructional support services for students
- Example: I have to go over to *student services* to meet with a financial aid advisor.
- Suggestion: You had better go to *student services* to check on your dorm application.
- Assumption: The *student services* office is open during registration, isn't it?
- Problem: I have to go to the *student services* office before the end of the day.
- student union** n. a building on campus where students can relax
- Example: There is a movie at the *student union* tonight.
- Suggestion: You could meet Ken in the *student union* before the concert.
- Assumption: You mean the *student union* is closed over the holidays?
- Problem: The *student union* closes at 10:00 P.M.
- studies** n. research investigations
- Example: Many *studies* have been conducted here at State University.
- Suggestion: Why don't you speak with Dr. Mason about her *studies*?
- Assumption: So you did begin your *studies*.
- Problem: I have to complete my *studies* by the end of the semester.
- study** v. to acquire knowledge or understanding of a subject
- Example: I have to *study* if I want to get a good grade in this class.
- Suggestion: Why don't you plan to *study* at my house this weekend?
- Assumption: You mean you *studied* for that test?
- Problem: I need to allow more time to *study*.
- study date** n. a date in which the activity is studying
- Example: Joe and Diane have *study dates* most of the time.
- Suggestion: You could arrange a *study date* with Jack before the test.
- Assumption: You mean you don't have a *study date* tonight?
- Problem: I have to meet Jack at the library for our *study date*.
- study lounge** n. a quiet area of a dormitory where students can go to study
- Example: Even the *study lounge* is noisy in this dorm.
- Suggestion: Why don't you meet me in the *study lounge* this evening?
- Assumption: Did you say that the *study lounge* is quiet?
- Problem: I can't concentrate in the *study lounge*.
- subject** n. an area of study
- Example: Math is my favorite *subject*.
- Suggestion: Why don't you ask Tracy for help with the *subjects* she tutors?
- Assumption: You can get tutoring in all of the *subjects* taught at the university?
- Problem: I have to take a lot of classes in *subjects* that I don't really like.

summer school n. the summer sessions, which are usually June through August
 Example: *Summer school* starts the second week of June this year.
 Suggestion: Why don't you take the art appreciation course in *summer school*?
 Assumption: You mean you've gone to *summer school* every summer?
 Problem: I can't go to *summer school* this year.

T.A. n. an abbreviation for teaching assistant
 Example: Laura has applied to be Dr. Graham's *T.A.*
 Suggestion: You should see the *T.A.* if you have questions about the lecture.
 Assumption: So Bill did apply to be a *T.A.*
 Problem: I have to find Dr. Graham's *T.A.* before class tomorrow.

teaching assistant n. a graduate student whose teaching duties are supervised by a faculty member
 Example: We have a *teaching assistant* for the discussion session of this class.
 Suggestion: You had better speak with the *teaching assistant* before the next lab session.
 Assumption: You mean you haven't spoken with the *teaching assistant*?
 Problem: The *teaching assistant* is really difficult to understand.

tenure n. an academic rank that guarantees permanent status
 Example: Professor Peterson has *tenure*, but Mr. Lewis doesn't.
 Suggestion: Why don't you request the requirements for *tenure*?
 Assumption: You mean Dr. Peterson has *tenure*?
 Problem: Mr. Lewis will have to get his Ph.D. to qualify for *tenure*.

term n. a time period when school is in session, usually a quarter or a semester
 Example: Dana needs two more *terms* to graduate.
 Suggestion: Dana had better take statistics next *term*.
 Assumption: Nancy passed all of her classes last *term*?
 Problem: I have to complete my dissertation in three *terms*.

test n. an evaluation that is usually longer and worth more points than a quiz but shorter and worth fewer points than an exam
 Example: You will have a *test* every week in this class.
 Suggestion: If I were you, I would work with my study group before the *test*.
 Assumption: You mean you forgot about the *test*?
 Problem: I have to study for two *tests* next week.

textbook n. a book that is used for a course
 Example: The *textbooks* can be purchased at the bookstore or ordered over the Internet.
 Suggestion: You could purchase used *textbooks* for some of your classes.
 Assumption: You mean you had to buy new *textbooks*?
 Problem: I can't find good used *textbooks* anywhere.

thesis n. a written research report in partial fulfillment of a graduate degree
 Example: Tracy isn't taking any courses this semester because she is writing her *thesis*.
 Suggestion: You should get the handbook at the graduate school before starting your *thesis*.
 Assumption: Tracy isn't writing her *thesis* this semester, is she?
 Problem: I need to allow at least one semester to write my *thesis*.

transcript n. a printed copy of a student's grades

- Example: The admissions office requires two *transcripts* with every application.
 Suggestion: Why don't you request an extra copy of your *transcript*?
 Assumption: You mean you still haven't received your *transcripts*?
 Problem: I have to have those *transcripts* by next Monday.

transfer v. to change schools

- Example: It is better to *transfer* at the beginning of the third year.
 Suggestion: If I were you, I would *transfer* as soon as possible.
 Assumption: Dana *transferred* to State University?
 Problem: I can't *transfer* colleges because I would lose credits.

tuition n. fees for instruction at a school

- Example: The *tuition* is different from school to school.
 Suggestion: You should check the *tuition* before deciding on a college.
 Assumption: *Tuition* at private colleges is more?
 Problem: I need a scholarship to pay my *tuition*.

tuition hike n. an increase in the fees for instruction

- Example: There is a *tuition hike* every year at State University.
 Suggestion: You should sign the petition protesting the *tuition hike*.
 Assumption: You mean you graduated before the *tuition hike*?
 Problem: I can't afford another *tuition hike*.

turn in v. to submit an assignment

- Example: Please *turn in* your homework before you leave.
 Suggestion: You had better *turn in* your paper before the end of the day.
 Assumption: You mean I could have *turned in* my paper tomorrow?
 Problem: I have to *turn in* the paper by Friday or I will get an F.

tutor n. a private instructor, often another student

- Example: I have to meet my *tutor* at the library.
 Suggestion: Why don't you get a *tutor* for your accounting class?
 Assumption: You mean Jack is your *tutor*?
 Problem: I can't afford to hire a *tutor*.

tutoring n. private instruction

- Example: Nancy needs some *tutoring* in this class.
 Suggestion: You could earn extra money *tutoring* for math.
 Assumption: So you did get the *tutoring* job.
 Problem: *Tutoring* takes a lot of time.

undergrad n., adj. abbreviation for undergraduate

- Example: I think that Dana is an *undergrad*.
 Suggestion: You could still enroll for *undergrad* classes while you are waiting to hear from the graduate school admissions office.
 Assumption: You mean you're an *undergrad*?
 Problem: I need to apply for an *undergrad* scholarship.

undergraduate (student) n., adj. a student pursuing a bachelor's degree

- Example: Some *undergraduates* require five years to complete a four-year program.
 Suggestion: You should look at more than one *undergraduate* program.
 Assumption: You mean you completed your *undergraduate* courses in three years?
 Problem: I can't complete my *undergraduate* degree before we move.

upper-division (course) adj. advanced courses for third- and fourth-year students.

- Example: Most of the *upper-division* courses are numbered 400 or above.
 Suggestion: Why don't you take an *upper-division* music class?
 Assumption: You mean grammar is an *upper-division* course?
 Problem: Dana needs to take an *upper-division* math class.

withdraw v. to leave school

- Example: My roommate *withdrew* from school.
 Suggestion: You should *withdraw* so that you won't have failing grades on your transcript.
 Assumption: You mean your parents want you to *withdraw* from school?
 Problem: I have to *withdraw* from school at the end of the semester.

work-study (student) n. a student who works on campus in a special program that allows study time when there is nothing to do on the job

- Example: There are several *work-study* positions open in the finance office.
 Suggestion: Dana should apply for the *work-study* program next semester.
 Assumption: You mean Vicki's library job is a *work-study* position?
 Problem: The *work-study* students couldn't answer my questions.

Xerox (machine) n. a copy machine

- Example: There is a long line at the *Xerox* machine.
 Suggestion: You could use the *Xerox* machine in the library.
 Assumption: You mean there are only three *Xerox* machines on campus?
 Problem: I need to find a *Xerox* machine.

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