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Learning for life

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.

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ASK YOURSELF, ASK AROUND



Is it worth investing your own money into education? Why?/Why not?

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VOCABULARY

Studying and exams • exaggerated synonyms
• phrasal verbs • phrases to describe being relaxed/stressed

I can talk about studying and exams.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

- 1 In your notebook, write down the verb forms of these nouns and adjectives. What do the verbs have in common?

familiar general memory organisation personal
plagiarism rational recognition revision summary visual

familiarise

- 2 **SPEAKING** Use the verbs you wrote in Exercise 1 to discuss useful skills when studying or taking exams.

- 3 Read about the revision experiences of three students below. Whose experience do you most relate to? Why?

Exams, exams

If you are revising for upcoming exams, you may well be surrounded by tons of paper and sticky notes. What techniques work for you? And how are you feeling about your **looming** exams?

GCSEs – Daniel

- 5 I sit at my desk, faced with piles of revision files, **frazzled** and frustrated by my improvised timetable. A few moments ago, I was **swimming in** Spanish irregular verbs. Later today, I will revise
- 10 Geography, Maths and Chemistry. It's not necessarily the content that I find difficult but the range of knowledge. We **flit** between subjects, and at times, it seems we are being tested on nothing
- 15 but facts. My friends and I have found Google Docs useful for exchanging notes, and mobile trivia game apps are a fun, if not particularly efficient, way of topping up our foreign vocab.

A levels – Jacob

- 20 Revising for end of secondary school exams is a different kind of **minefield** than in primary school. There's more content to learn for each exam and you're expected to **regurgitate** more in less time. That's why an entire wall of my room is **plastered** in scribbled notes. I do my revision in four stages. Firstly, I take notes from the textbook on
- 25 huge A3 sheets, then I condense it on to miniflashcards, then I type it all up. Stage four, which will commence a week before the exams, consists of doing past papers. It's being **hammered** into us that you only deserve a place at a good university if you notch up a certain amount of marks. More than ever
- 30 before, the pressure is on.