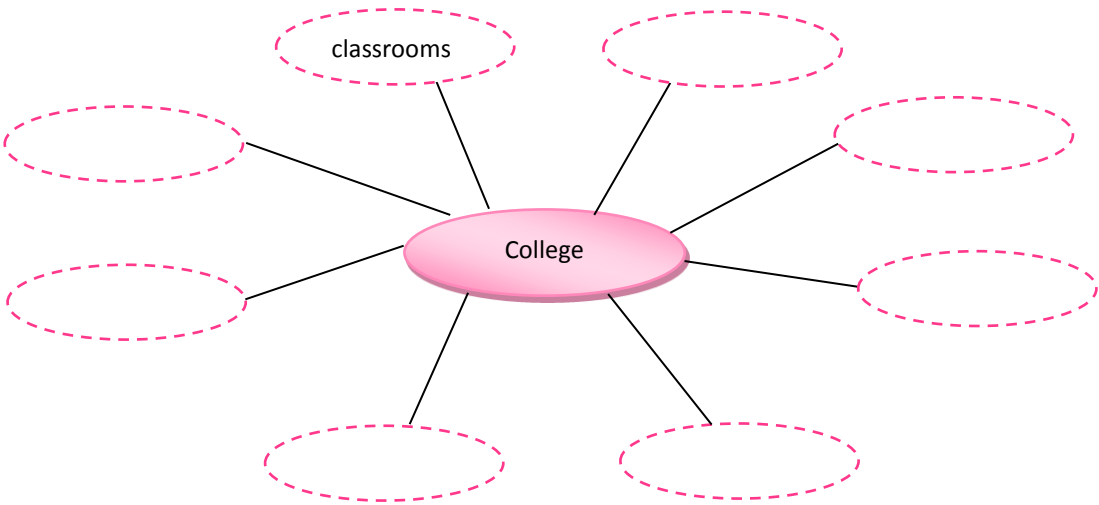


Unit 8

College Life

Pre-reading

List some words that you know about ‘college’.



Do you know any famous universities in China? Discuss them with your classmates.

What do you think of college life? What kind of differences can you think about compared to your school life?

Your life	College life
e.g. I have to go to school every day.	e.g. I may not have class every day

Reading I

Amanda sent her sister Jessica a letter to talk about her college life.

Let's read what she says.

Dear Jessica,

How are you? I haven't seen you for such a long time. I miss you a lot! As you know, I am studying in the United International College (UIC), which is located in Zhuhai, Guangdong province. I really like it here, so I want to share my college life with you.

*The first time I walked into this college, I was deeply **attracted** to the learning **environment** here. Students who come from all over the country study very hard. There are six teaching buildings which include chemistry labs, computers rooms, a **photocopy** room, a school **clinic**, a **studio**, many teachers' offices, and classrooms in UIC. Also, there is a **projector** which is used to project image into a screen in each classroom. It's a very convenient tool for teaching. **AC (air conditioners)** can also be found in each classroom. As you know, it's really hot in Zhuhai.*

*Faculty members in UIC are **experienced** teachers who come from **all over the world**, such as mainland China, England, America, Korea, France, Hong Kong and so on. They are all very friendly. English, which is my favorite subject, is very important in my college because we need to communicate in English with **professors** and **overseas** students. My English has improved a lot since I came here.*

I will send you some pictures of my school in my next letter.

Best,

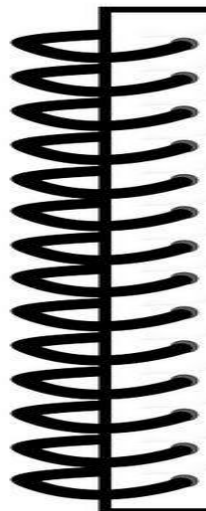
Amanda



Work in pairs.

Discuss with your partner what this letter is about.

Read the letter carefully, and then complete the notes about Amanda's college life.

	<i>College name:</i>
	<i>Location of the college:</i>
	<i>Some places in school (e.g. classrooms):</i>
	<i>Equipment in each classroom:</i>

Work in pairs. Answer the questions below according to the passage.

1. What does Amanda think of students in her college?
2. Where do teachers in Amanda's college come from?
3. Why is English important in Amanda's college?

Read the letter again. Underline sentences that include 'who', 'that', 'which', 'where'.

Discuss the function of these words in the sentence with your partner.

Reading II

Dear Jessica,

Let me show you some pictures of my college.

Look at the first picture; this is a place where we can print learning materials. As you can see, there are many computers and **printers** here, so students do not need to bring their **laptops** to class every day.



The second picture is our **canteen**. Isn't it beautiful? It's a small canteen which offers **various** types of food, such as western-style food, Chinese dishes, and **barbecue** and so on for students to choose.

The last picture is a place where we can read all kinds of books. As you can see, many tables and chairs are provided for students who want to study there.

We can borrow books that we **are interested in** for a month. It's great, isn't it?



I hope you can visit my college one day. I really want to know about your school life. Write back to me when you have free time.

Best,
Amanda

Read the letter and choose the correct answer for each question.

1. Where is the place in the first picture?
 - a) a computer room b) a chemistry lab
 - c) a photocopy room d) a library
2. What kinds of food CANNOT be ordered in their canteen?
 - a) Cantonese barbecue b) Hamburgers c) Sushi d) Fried noodles
3. How long can students borrow a book from the library?
 - a) 5 days b) 10 days c) 20 days d) 30 days

Read the letter again. Underline sentences that include 'who', 'that', 'which', 'where'.

Discuss the function of these words in the sentence with your partner.

Vocabulary Task I

Match the pictures to the definitions first. Write down the words in the boxes.









a. Someone who is a member of the faculty at a university.

b. A place where you can have meals.

c. A device that makes films, pictures or texts appear on a screen.

d. A machine that can print texts.

e. A machine that keeps the air cool or warm.

f. A small computer that you can carry with you.

g. A place where you can go when you get sick.

h. A place where you can make films or record music.









Grammar Awareness

	<i>People</i>	<i>Things</i>	<i>Place</i>
<i>Subject</i>	who/that	that/which	where
<i>Object</i>		that/which	

Defining relative clauses modify nouns or noun phrases. They specify the person, thing or place being talked about.

- Use *who* or *that* to refer to people.
- Use *that* or *which* to refer to things.
- Use *where* to refer to place.

Examples:

He is <u>the teacher</u>	<i>who</i>	taught me English last semester.
This is <u>the watch</u>	<i>that / which</i>	she gave me on my birthday.
The library is <u>the place</u>	<i>where</i>	you can borrow books.

Non-defining relative clauses provide **additional information** about the person or thing that is being referred to in a sentence.

- Only *who* and *which* can be used.
- A comma is often needed before the relative pronoun.

Examples:

My roommate Joanna,	<i>who</i> is from Guizhou,	is very friendly.
United International College,	<i>which</i> is located in Zhuhai,	is a beautiful college.

Grammar Task

Choose one word from the box to fill in the blank.

who *that* *which* *where*

1. The café is a place _____ you can buy drinks and snacks.
2. Can you return the book _____ I lent you last week?
3. I met a British girl _____ can speak Chinese well.
4. Calvin, _____ is sitting next to Flora, is a handsome boy.
5. This is the film _____ I watched in the cinema last Sunday.
6. The restaurant, _____ offers western-style food, is next to the library.

Fill in the blank with *who*, *that*, *which* or *where*. Write down your own ideas and compare them with your partner's answers.

Example:

Three things that are in your schoolbag.

An English book, a pen, a notebook

1. Three things _____ you like to eat most.

2. Three kinds of people _____ have different professions.

3. Three places _____ you often go to with your friends.

4. Three subjects _____ you want to study when you are in college.

Join the two sentences to make a relative clause.

1. Jane lives in a hotel. The hotel is only 15 minutes' walk from here.

2. Nicky is a young English teacher. Nicky always wants to improve students' grades.

3. These are the trees. The trees were planted last year.

4. The first meeting will be held in the afternoon. The meeting we will take part in.

Pre-listening

Listen to a conversation between Amanda and her sister Jessica. Work in pairs.
Discuss and predict what they may talk about.



Listening

Read the following statements. Mark (✓) for True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG) according to the information you heard.

Question	T	F	NG
1. There are only three student clubs in Amanda's college.			
2. Students can join any clubs that they are interested in at Amanda's college.			
3. Amanda did not enjoy the time that she played badminton with her friends.			
4. Jessica wants to join a drama club while she is in college.			
5. Jessica has many foreign friends.			

Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.

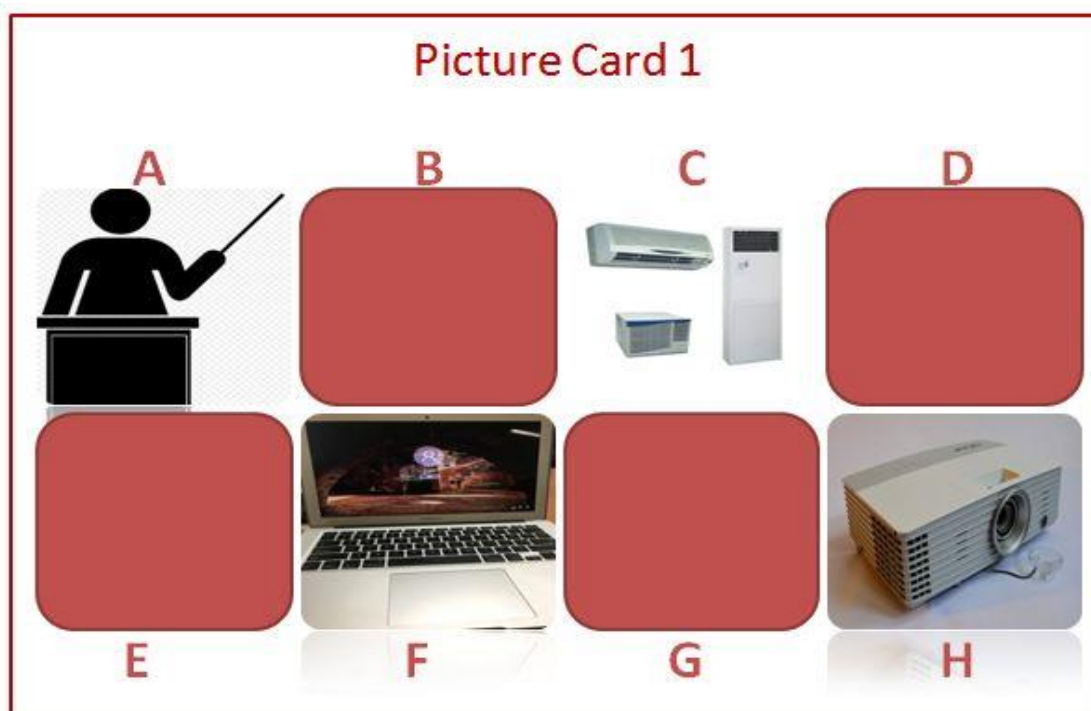
Which clubs would you like to join while you are in college?
Why would you want to join them?

Speaking

Work in pairs. Student A looks at picture card ONE on this page. Student B looks at picture card TWO on the next page. DO NOT show you partner your picture.

You should:

- Describe pictures you know by using relative clauses to your partner. DO NOT say the word. (e.g. If you have a picture of library, you should say “It’s the place where you can borrow books.”)
- Find unknown information according to your partner’s descriptions. Take turns to ask questions.



Examples:

A: How many pictures do you have?

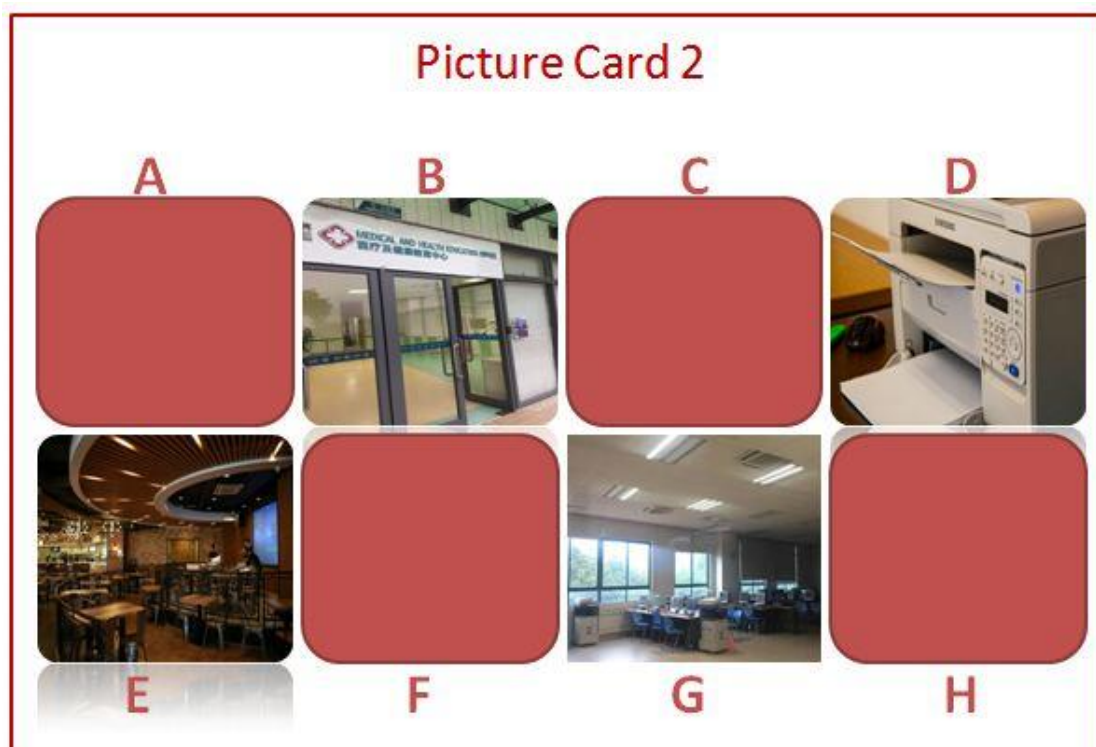
B: Four. I have picture A,C,F,H.

A: What's in you picture A?

B: It's a person who works in the university.

A: Is it a professor?

B: Yes, it is.



Examples:

A: How many pictures do you have?

B: Four. I have picture B,D,E,G.

A: What's in picture B?

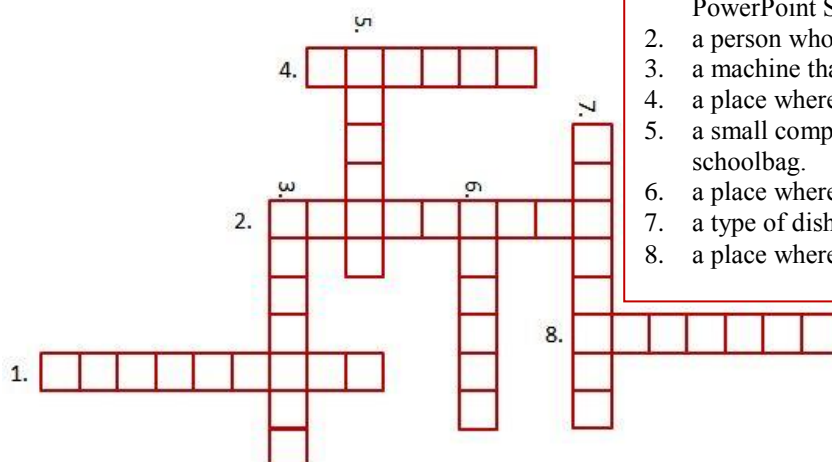
B: It's a place in school where you can go when you feel sick.

A: Is it a school clinic?

B: Yes, it is. / No, it isn't. It's the place...

Vocabulary Task II

Complete this word puzzle.



1. a machine that shows videos, pictures, PowerPoint Slides on the screen.
2. a person who teaches in a university or college.
3. a machine that can print texts.
4. a place where you can go when you feel sick.
5. a small computer which can be put into your schoolbag.
6. a place where movies or songs are produced.
7. a type of dish with meat that has been roasted.
8. a place where you can have meals in school.

Choose a word or phrase from the table below to fill in each blank. You may not use all of them.

barbecue	attract	laptop	all over the world	overseas	canteen
professor	environment	clinic	experienced	be interested in	convenient

- Hey Ben, why don't we have lunch in the _____ ?
– Sounds good, I would like to have _____ for my lunch!
- Boys and girls! Remember to bring your _____ because some _____ will give us a lecture and you need to take notes.
- Caroline _____ travelling and she wants to travel _____ one day.
- The first day I came here, I was _____ by the _____ of this college.

Writing



Think about what you cannot do in your school but you can do in college. Share your ideas with the class. (You may refer to task c in the pre-reading section)

Let's write!

Imagine you are Jessica. You are going to reply to your sister Amanda's letter.

Write 10-12 sentences about your school life. Remember to use **relative clauses** in your letter.

NOTICE: Pay attention to the format when you are creating your letter. You can refer to the format in the reading section.

Additional Reading

Famous Universities

Tsinghua University is one of the most famous universities in China, which was established in 1911 in Beijing. The university has 56 departments such as science, law, medicine, economics and education. With the spirit of “Actions Speak Louder than Words”, this university is devoted to the well-being of Chinese society, and also to world development.



Peking University is a national key university in China. It is located in the western suburb of Beijing, which is near to the Yuanmingyuan Garden and the Summer Palace. It has become a center for teaching and research, which aims to rank among the world's best universities in the future.

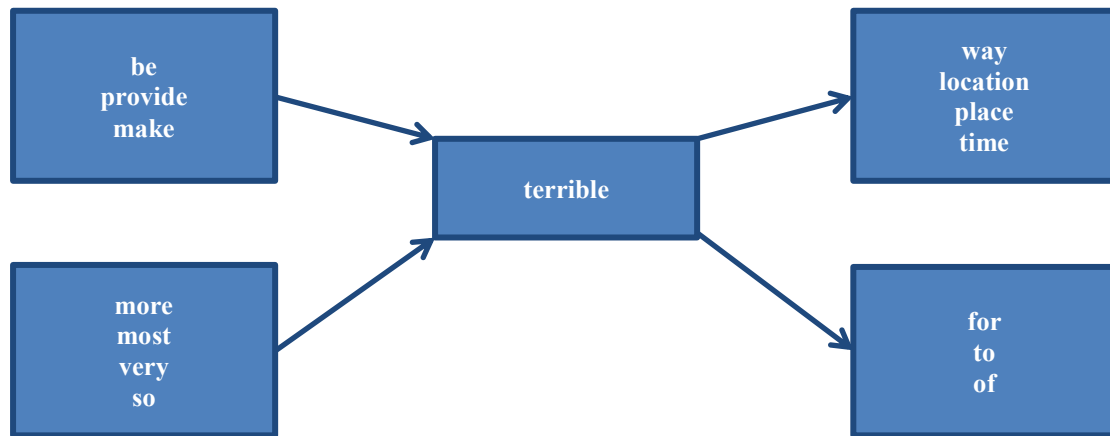
Cambridge University is one of the oldest universities in the world. It is also one of the largest Universities in the United Kingdom which famous for its outstanding academic achievement and high quality of science and arts subjects. Over the years, the University's achievements in the sciences can be measured by the more than 60 Nobel Prizes awarded to its members.



Harvard University, which was founded in 1636, has the longest history among the universities in the U.S. Until now, it has had more than 370 years' of history. So far, 8 U.S. presidents graduated from this university, such as Franklin Delano, John F. Kennedy and Barack Hussein Obama.

Word Awareness

The top left box presents the verbs often used with *convenient*. The bottom left box presents the adverbs frequently used with *convenient*. The top right box shows the nouns that are modified by *convenient*. The bottom right box shows the prepositions used with *convenient*.



Examples:

It is **very convenient for** people to shop online nowadays.

The **most convenient way of** obtaining information is by internet search.

This online shopping platform **provides** customers a **convenient** way for payment.

It would be more **convenient to** use your laptop to take notes in class.

Words You Need to Know

air conditioner (n.) a machine that keeps the air cool or warm. 空调。I feel so hot. Could you please turn on the air conditioner?

attract (v.) to arouse interest, attention, admiration. 吸引。Oxford University attracts the best students from all over the world.

barbecue (n.) a type of dish with meat that has been grilled or roasted. 烤肉。I like to eat Cantonese barbecue.

canteen (n.) a place where meals are sold in an institution or a school. 食堂。This canteen provides students various types of food to choose.

clinic (n.) a building or part of a hospital where people can go for special medical treatment or advice. 医务室, 诊所。Calvin was sick, so he went to school clinic this morning.

convenient (adj.) easy to use something; easy to meet one's needs or purpose. 方便的。Online shopping is very convenient.

environment (n.) the social or cultural surrounding conditions that have influences on individuals or a community. 环境。We should try our best to protect the environment of the Earth.

western-style (adj.) a kind of style that is related to western regions in the world. 西式的。There are only two western-style restaurants in my hometown.

experienced (adj.) have experience, knowledge or skills in an activity or in life. 有经验的。He is an experienced teacher who comes from Beijing.

laptop (n.) a small portable computer. 笔记本电脑。My mother bought me a new laptop yesterday.

overseas (adj.) in a foreign country. 海外的。There are many overseas students in my college.

photocopy (n./v.) a photographic reproduction of printed materials. 复印件, 复印。This is a photocopy of the relevant page from your textbook.

professor (n.) a teacher at a university or college. 教授。She is an English professor in Harvard University.

printer (n.) a machine or device that prints texts. 打印机。I need to use a printer to print my assignment.

projector (n.) a piece of equipment for projecting photographs, films or computer slides onto a screen. 投影仪。You can project your PowerPoint slides onto a screen by using the projector.

studio (n.) a place where movies or radio programmes are produced or recorded. 摄影棚, 演播室。She is going to run a photo studio.

various (adj.) many types of a thing. 各种各样的。It's healthier to eat various types of food.

be interested in (phrase) show interest; have curiosity about or hold attention to something. 对...感兴趣。I'm interested in learning French.

all over the world (adv.) the whole world. 全世界。Cambridge university has good teachers who from all over the world.

all kinds of (phrase) many different types; all sorts of different things. 各种各样的。You will find all kinds of books in our library.

Answer key

Pre-reading

Open question. Suggest answers: hall, gym, music room, assignments, computer labs, etc.

Open question. Suggest answers: Tsinghua University, Peking University, Xiamen University, etc.

Open question. Suggest answers:

Your Life	College Life
I have to take compulsory courses.	I can take some courses that I like.
Live with parents.	Live with classmates /roommates.

Reading I

This letter is about Amanda's college life.

United international College

Zhuhai, Guangdong province

chemistry labs, a photocopy room, a school clinic, a studio, etc.

a projector and an air-conditioner

1. Amanda thinks students in her college are very hard-working.
2. Teachers in Amanda's college are from all over the world, such as England, America, Korea, etc.
3. Because students in Amanda's college should communicate with their professors and overseas students in English.

I am studying in the United International College (UIC), which is located in Zhuhai...

Function: 'which' refers to 'UIC'

There are six teaching buildings which include chemistry labs, computers rooms...

Function: 'which' refers to teaching buildings.

there is a projector which is used to project image into a screen...

Function: 'which' refers to 'projector'

Faculty members in UIC are experienced teachers who come from all over the world...

Function: 'who' refers to 'faculty members'.

English, which is my favorite subject, is very important in my college...

Function: 'which' is used to add additional information.

Reading II

- c)
- c)
- d)

This is the place *where* we can print learning materials.

Function: 'where' refers to 'the place'

It's a small canteen *which* offers various types of food...

Function: 'which' refers to 'canteen'

The last picture is a place *where* we can read all kinds of books.

Function: 'where' refers to 'place'

... tables and chairs are provided for students *who* want to study there.

Function: 'who' refers to 'students'

We can borrow books *that* we are interested in for a month.

Function: 'that' refers to 'books'

Vocabulary Task I

Printer	d	Canteen	b
Studio	h	Laptop	f
Professor	a	Clinic	g
Projector	c	Air Conditioner	e

Grammar Task

1. where
2. that / which
3. who / that
4. who
5. that / which
6. which

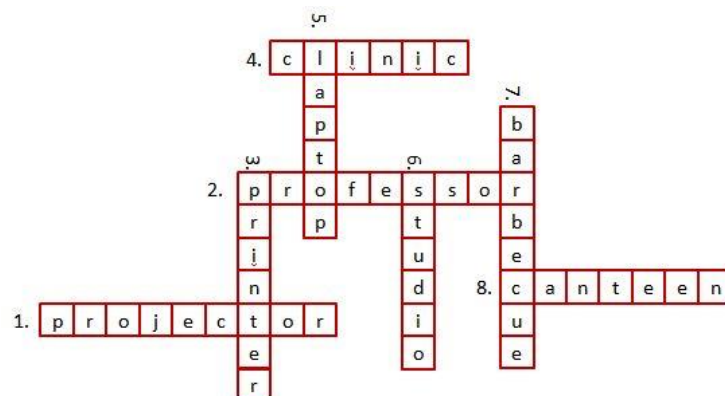
1. that / which (Fried noodles, barbecue, chips...)
2. who (professors, doctors, policemen...)
3. where (Café, canteen, cinema...)
4. that / which (English, Math, History...)

1. Jane lives in a hotel which is only 15 minutes' walk from here.
2. Nicky is a young English teachers who always wants to improve students' grades.
3. There are the trees which / that were planted last year.
4. The first meeting that /which we will take part in will be held in the afternoon.

Listening

1. F 2. T 3. F 4. T 5. NG

Vocabulary Task II



1. canteen barbecue
2. laptop professors
3. is interested in all over the world
4. attracted environment

Listening Transcript

A=Amanda J=Jessica

J: Hi sister, I haven't talked to you for a long time.

A: Hi Jess, how's it going?

J: Pretty good! I have read your letters, and I want to know more about your school. Can you tell me about some interesting activities in your school?

A: Sure. We have all kinds of student clubs, such as a reading club, an art club, sports club and so on. I joined a badminton club which includes ten boys and fifteen girls. We play badminton twice a week and I really enjoy the time that I play with them.

J: That's great. Can you join any clubs that you are interested in?

A: Of course, if you want to. It depends on your interests. If you join in too many clubs, you'll not have enough time to study.

J: Alright, I'm thinking about joining a drama club when I go to college.

A: Sound great! I guess you may meet many students from all over the world there, because I know many overseas students in my school joined the drama club.

J: Wow, that's awesome!

A: Oh, I gotta go. I have a class. Love you. Bye.

J: Okay, see you.