I can talk about university  

A University degree

I started university two years ago, when I was nineteen, and I'm doing a degree in Spanish and French. The course lasts three years, and there are three terms a year. I work in the library a lot because – like many undergraduates – I have to write lots of essays. I also have to take exams, and last term I failed one and had to take it again. I got the result two weeks ago; fortunately I passed this time. When I've got my degree – a BA – I want to do research for a PhD.

Glossary

do a degree study at university for three or four years
course a number of classes on a subject, e.g. an English course
term a period of study, usually about ten weeks
library a place where you can read and borrow books
undergraduate a student doing a first degree
(A graduate has a degree.)
write an essay do a piece of writing on a subject again one more time
fortunately We say fortunately when we give good news. or unfortunately
BA/BSc Bachelor of Arts/Science
MA/MSc Master of Arts/Science
do research study a subject for a long time to learn new information
PhD Doctor of Philosophy

spotlight How long does it last?
To last is to continue for a period of time.
How long does the film last? ~ Two hours.
The Masters course lasts two years.

1 Circle the correct word.
   She did an English course/term.
   I want to do/make a degree in maths.
   A term/degree lasts about ten weeks.
   I've got a BA/BSc in physics.

2 Complete the dialogues.
   How long does the term last? ~ About twelve weeks.
   1 Have you got a _______? ~ Yes, a BSc.
   2 Did she have to _______ an essay? ~ Yes, three, in fact.
   3 Can you _______ research next year? ~ Yes, I want to do a _______.
   4 Did he get his exam results? ~ Yes, _______ he passed.
   5 Can he take the exam _______? ~ Yes, next summer.
   6 How long does the course _______? ~ It's only one term.

3 About Your Country Write your answers or ask another student.
   1 How long do you need to study for a degree in chemistry?
   2 How long do you need to study for a Masters degree?
   3 How long does a university term last?
   4 How long does a school term last?
   5 If you fail exams, can you always take them again?

B University subjects and people

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4 Complete the sentences. Use the degree subject on the right to help you.
   He always wanted to be a ___________________. LAW
   1 She wants to be a ___________________. MEDICINE
   2 When did he become an ___________________? ENGINEERING
   3 She's studying to become an ___________________. ARCHITECTURE
   4 Why does he want to be a ___________________. PSYCHOLOGY
   5 She works as an ___________________. ECONOMICS
   6 I don't know anyone who wants to be a ___________________. POLITICS
   7 Is it difficult to become a ___________________. JOURNALISM
   8 I knew he'd become a ___________________. BUSINESS STUDIES

5 Complete the words. ‘Degree subject’ or ‘person’? Write DS or P.
   DS  
   1 l__ _wy _r
   2 ar _ _it _ct _
   3 c __ m__ _t __ sco _ _ c
   4 s__ _tw__ r _ e _ g _ ne _r
   5 ps _ch _l _g _
   6 b__ _s _n _ ss
   P  
   7 p _ _t _ c _
   8 eng _ _n _ r
   9 m _ _c _ n _
   10 ec _ _m _ c _
   11 it _m _ _g _ r
   12 r _ p _ _ t _

6 Test yourself. Cover the subjects and people and look at the pictures. Can you remember the subjects and people?