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A Thinking about the topic




- 1 You're going to hear Alan (English) interviewing Maria (Russian) and Ning (Chinese) about universities in their countries. Before you listen, make a note of three or four topics you think Alan will ask about. Compare and discuss with a partner.
- 2  9 Watch the video. How many of your topics did you hear? Can you remember any other topics?

B Listening for the main ideas and detail

- 3  9 Watch Part 1 (00:00–01:45). Choose the correct options in these sentences. Compare with a partner.
 - 1 Maria and Ning *are* / *aren't* currently studying for a degree at university in the UK.
 - 2 You *have to* / *don't have to* pay to study at a university in England.
- 4  9 What can you remember? Decide if these statements are true (T) or false (F). Correct any false ones. Then watch Part 1 again to check. Discuss with a partner.
 - 1 Maria has a degree from a Russian university.
 - 2 All Chinese universities are expensive.
 - 3 Some people who study at English universities take gap years to help them pay.
 - 4 Student numbers are increasing in England.
- 5 What can you remember? Make some notes on what the speakers said about the following. Compare with a partner.
 - 1 a private school
 - 2 state university
 - 3 a student loan


C Listening for specific information

6  **9 Watch Part 2 (01:46–03:52). Check any new vocabulary in your dictionary. Number these words and phrases in the order you hear them.**


- a research
- b scholarship
- c Bachelor's degree
- d grants
- e postgraduate school
- f homework

7  **9 Watch Part 2 again and answer these questions.**

- 1 What don't you pay for in China?
- 2 Why doesn't Maria pay for her university studies?
- 3 What does she say about judges?
- 4 What do Maria and Ning say about the last two weeks of term?

8  **9 Watch Part 3 (03:53–05:44). How many times do you hear these words or phrases? Tick each one as you hear it.**

- 1 accommodation
- 2 (share/rent) a flat/apartment
- 3 hall(s) of residence
- 4 student house

9  **9 Watch Part 3 again and complete this table about university accommodation in Russia, China and England.**

	Russia	China	England
free accommodation?	Yes, but only if you don't pay for your education.	1.....	Doesn't say
type of accommodation	2.....	Apartment or 3.....	4.....

10 **What can you remember? Answer these questions, then compare with a partner.**

- 1 Why do Russian students prefer to rent a flat?
- 2 What's the disadvantage of renting a flat?
- 3 Why do most Chinese students choose to stay in university accommodation?
- 4 Why are many students in England offered accommodation for the first year only?

D Extension and review

11 **What impression do you think Alan has of Russian and Chinese universities? How do you know? Discuss with a partner.**

12 **In which of the three countries would you prefer to study? Why? Compare with a partner.**

13 **Which of these activities helped you understand the speakers best?**

- thinking about the topic before listening
- listening for repetition of key words and phrases
- listening for tone of voice to identify attitude