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 - a) doing
 - b) going on
 - c) taking
 - d) all of the above answers

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 - a) condition
 - b) conditional
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 - a) run
 - b) give
 - c) study
 - d) all of the above answers

 6. Universities are now running more _____ courses than they did in the past; that is, courses that prepare you for a particular job or career path. I even saw a course for golf course management!
 - a) vocation
 - b) vocational
 - c) vacation
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Quiz topic: Taking a course

1. It was a very _____ course, but we managed to get through it.

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- a) You could describe a course as being 'tough', 'hard' or 'difficult', but not strong.
- b) You could say there was 'a heavy workload', but you cannot say the course was heavy.
- c) You could say the teacher was 'strict', but you cannot say the course was strict.
- d) You could describe a course as being 'demanding', 'tough', 'hard' or 'difficult'.

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- a) If you do a course which is very intensive over a short time, it is called 'a crash course'. The idea is to learn quickly.
- b) What do we call a course which is designed to teach as much as possible in a short space of time?
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- a) You could say 'I'm doing a course' - but are any of the other answers also possible?
NB You cannot say 'I'm making a course'
- b) You could say 'I'm going on a course' - but are any of the other answers also possible?
NB You cannot say 'I'm making a course'
- c) You could say 'I'm taking a course' - but are any of the other answers also possible?
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- d) All of the above answers are possible. NB You cannot say 'I'm making a course'

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a) 'Condition' is the noun - here we need to use the adjective form as it is used to describe the offer.

b) The university may make you a conditional offer.

c) 'Conditioned' is an adjective, but it is connected with psychology and the mind. Which word describes an offer from a university?

d) 'Conditioning' is a noun connected with psychology and the mind. Which word describes an offer from a university?

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a) **'Run a course' is the correct answer - in a more formal way you could say 'deliver a course'**

b) This is not a correct verb + noun combination. Which verb describes what the school does?

c) A student can study a course, but which verb describes what the school does?

d) Only one verb makes a good verb + noun combination with course. Which verb describes what the school does?

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a) You could describe a career as your 'vocation' - it's what you have always wanted to do. How do you make the adjective to describe a course which prepares you for your career?

b) 'Vocational' is the adjective describing a course which prepares you for a specific career.

c) 'Vacation' is another word for a holiday. Which word could we use to talk about a course that prepares you for a particular career?

d) This word does not exist.

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