
Based on News about Britain:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/newsenglish/britain/081028_freshers_week.shtml

1. The UK has _____ higher education system.
 - a) an overwhelming
 - b) a well-respected
 - c) a handy
 - d) a nerve-wracking

2. Which of these is the odd one out?
 - a) blend in
 - b) pass on your wisdom
 - c) be aware of social etiquette
 - d) fit in

3. What idiom means 'in the same difficult or worrying situation'?
 - a) on the right foot
 - b) on the wrong foot
 - c) on the same train
 - d) in the same boat

4. Freshers' week is a great opportunity to _____ university life.
 - a) settle into
 - b) set in
 - c) settle down
 - d) sit down

5. Freshers' week is for second year students at universities.
 - a) Answer not given
 - b) True
 - c) False
 - d) Neither true nor false

6. Sometimes even cups of tea can give you a _____ in making friends.
 - a) head beginning
 - b) head start
 - c) headfirst
 - d) head end

ANSWERS:

1. The UK has a well-respected higher education system.

b) a well-respected - this is the right answer.

2. Which of these is the odd one out?

b) pass on your wisdom - this is the correct answer. In the context of the story this means 'explain and teach the rules of university life'. The other three are partial synonyms, i.e. have similar meanings.

3. What idiom means 'in the same difficult or worrying situation'?

a) on the right foot - this is not the right answer. This expression means 'successfully'.

d) in the same boat - this is correct, well done!

4. Freshers' week is a great opportunity to _____ university life.

a) settle into - this is the right choice. Well done! This phrasal verb means to become familiar with and start feeling comfortable and happy about a new situation or place.

b) set in - This is wrong. This phrasal verb means to begin and be likely to continue for some time (usually about something unpleasant), e.g. Winter is setting in.

c) settle down - This isn't right. This phrasal verb means to start living a stable, orderly life.

d) sit down - This is not the right answer. This just means to become seated. Try again.

5. Freshers' week is for second year students at universities.

c) False - this is correct.

6. Sometimes even cups of tea can give you a _____ in making friends.

a) and d) - these expressions do not exist.

b) head start - this is the right answer. It means 'help you make new friends more easily and quickly'.

c) headfirst - this is not the right answer. This means the same as 'headlong', i.e. 'without thinking or preparation'. Try again.

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