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WORKSHEET - Speaker: ALI

Vocabulary task

Ali uses the words and phrases that are in the table below. Write the word / phrase next to the correct definition.

| Word/phrase |
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| referencing |
| lecture |
| underestimate |
| potential |
| challenge |
| tutorial |
| assignment |
| combination |
| obstacle |
| evolution |
| impersonal |

| | Word/phrase | Definition |
|----|-------------|---|
| 1 | | something that it is a block stopping your progress |
| 2 | | the way in which things change and develop over a long time and a gradual process of change and development |
| 3 | | not intimate or friendly |
| 4 | | a formal talk on a particular topic given to a group of students |
| 5 | | a period of study with a tutor involving a small group of students who are expected to discuss issues presented in a lecture or in the set reading. |
| 6 | | a piece of work given to someone to do as part of their studies |
| 7 | | an outcome obtained when a number of things are put together |
| 8 | | something which causes great effort to achieve a successful outcome and which therefore tests a person's ability |
| 9 | | to fail to understand the real importance of something |
| 10 | | someone's ability to do something well |
| 11 | | using a systematic way to show the source of quotations in your writing |

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Complete the following sentences by selecting a word from the table above.

1. I've found lectures are _____, because the students don't talk with the lecturer; he tells you whatever he wants to tell you and then he leaves.
2. The _____ is the place where you can learn, you can ask questions; you can have opinions and improve yourself. The tutor is there to help you.
3. Everyone has the _____ to help you, if you ask.
4. English academic writing is completely different to my home language. You don't write your own opinion, you have to back up your ideas with references. The whole idea of _____ was new to me.
5. Doing an _____ is a combination of a lot of things.
6. You have to make your own argument – that's the big _____.
7. Learning how to structure an essay – that's another big _____ in university.
8. My advice is don't _____ essay writing
9. What you are learning is the _____ of a lot of steps
10. Essay writing is an _____ from western civilisation

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Answers - Speaker: ALI

Vocabulary task - Write the word / phrase next to the correct definition.

| | Word/phrase | Definition |
|----|---------------|---|
| 1 | obstacle | something that it is a block stopping your progress |
| 2 | evolution | the way in which things change and develop over a long time and a gradual process of change and development |
| 3 | impersonal | not intimate or friendly |
| 4 | lecture | A formal talk on a particular topic given to a group of students |
| 5 | tutorial | a period of study with a tutor involving a small group of students who are expected to discuss issues presented in a lecture or in the set reading. |
| 6 | assignment | a piece of work given to someone to do as part of their studies |
| 7 | combination | an outcome obtained when a number of things are put together |
| 8 | challenge | something which requires great effort to achieve a successful outcome and which therefore tests a person's ability |
| 9 | underestimate | to fail to understand the real importance of something |
| 10 | potential | someone's ability to do something well |
| 11 | referencing | using a systematic way to show the source of quotations in your writing |

Complete the following sentences by selecting a word from the table above.

1. I've found lectures are **impersonal**, because the students don't talk with the lecturer; he tells you whatever he wants to tell you and then he leaves.
2. The **tutorial** is the place where you can learn, you can ask questions; you can have opinions and improve yourself. The tutor is there to help you.
3. Everyone has the **potential** to help you, if you ask.
4. English academic writing is completely different to my home language. You don't write your own opinion, you have to back up your ideas with references. The whole idea of **referencing** was new to me.
5. Doing an **assignment** is a combination of a lot of things.
6. You have to make your own argument – that's the big **challenge**.
7. Learning how to structure an essay – that's another big **obstacle** in university.
8. My advice is don't **underestimate** essay writing
9. What you are learning is the **combination** of a lot of steps
10. Essay writing is an **evolution** from western civilisation