

## Your Study Place

Describe a place, either at home or out of your home that you think is a good place to study.

or

Describe the place, either at home or out of your home where you usually study.

You should say:

where it is

when you go there

what this place is like

and explain why you think this is a good place for studying.

## Notes

- Some people are reporting this question using the words, "**indoors or outdoors**" instead of "**at home or out of your home**". People don't normally study outdoors so that is unlikely to be the correct wording. It is possible to **read** in an outdoor place such as a quiet park but that is hardly the same as "studying" unless you sit at a picnic table in the park where you can also do some writing. It is very unusual to talk about "studying" outdoors.

However, there are some activities that can be described as "studying" that are

done outdoors. For example, if you study forestry, geology, marine biology, botany etc. then a large proportion of your study is probably done outdoors.

- There are two quite different meanings to the words, "the place where you study".

1. i) It can mean the place where you sit at a desk and read your textbooks, write essays and assignments, and prepare for exams etc. For high school students, you can include "doing homework" as an activity to do there but the word, "homework" is usually not used for university students. Most people do this either at a desk in their home or in the university library.
2. ii) The second meaning is, "the place (the institution) where you attend school, university or college". For example, "I'm studying at XYZ University'.

I think this Part 2 is most likely to be i), the place where you do your homework etc. If the first line says, "**a** (or the) place where you **usually** study" then that would be further evidence that it means your private study place.

However, if the first line is simply, "the place where you study" and if the point, "when you study there" is written as, "when you **go** there" then it is more likely that ii) fits that wording.

### **Part 3**

#### **Study Habits**

- Tell me about your study habits.
- Would you say are some examples of "good study habits"?

- Do you think that it's important to plan your study?
- Do you (or, did you) have a study timetable (when you were a student)?
- Do (did) you stick to your timetable?
- What do you think is the usefulness of having a study timetable? \*
- Do you take many breaks when you study?
- Do you think it's important for people to take breaks when studying?
- Do you think the physical environment of a study place is important?
- Why do some people prefer to study in a library or even a coffee shop instead of studying where they live?
- Do you prefer to do your studying (prefer to study) at home or away from home (out of the house)?
- Can you explain why some people are more easily distracted (lose concentration) than others when they are studying?
- Do you think that schools should limit the use of mobile phones at school or should students be responsible for this themselves?
- Do you prefer to study alone or in a group?
- What do you think are the differences between self-study and learning with a teacher?
- (Similar to above) Which do you think is the better way to study (or, learn) something, by reading materials online, or by attending a class in a traditional classroom?

### **Learning**

It is not certain that there is a separate topic, "Learning" in this Part 3.

- What are some of the different ways that people learn things?
- Do you think a person can learn more from (in) a city or from (in) a

rural place?

- Do you think it's easy to concentrate when learning something (new)?
- Would you say it is easy for people who are sick to learn?
- Do you think people learn better in a team, or do they learn better alone, as individuals?
- Do you think distance learning is useful?
- When it comes to learning English, do you think students can learn a lot in a classroom?
- How important would you say learning is?
- Is having a diploma (or degree or a certificate of some kind) important for finding a job?