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### University Students May Have to Pay Graduate Tax

英国大学生毕业生可能需要付“毕业税”

Read the text below and do the activity that follows. 阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

The UK government are proposing a **graduate tax** for students in the future.

Currently, students are **lent** money from the government to cover fees and they pay back the money once they are earning over £15,000 (130,000 yuan) a year.

The new scheme would see students repaying their **tuition fees** when they are working, through a graduate tax.

This **proposal** would see **higher-earning** graduates paying more and is said to be a **fairer system**.

At the moment there is an **ongoing** review into university fees and students are **bracing themselves** for the outcome. Some have **predicted** that tuition fees could double, causing more and more students to worry about their personal student debt.

The union representing lecturers, the UCU, is worried that the graduate tax scheme would just be a "rebrand" for student debt and not change the current situation.

So what do students make of the graduate tax? Well the National Union of Students says they are pleased and see the proposal of a graduate tax as a **milestone** in a campaign to ensure fairer university funding. The NUS want to make sure that graduate **contributions** are determined on actual earnings.

The government still have to look into how **feasible** the new scheme would be but they have stated that there needs to be a "radical re-think" on how the higher education system is funded.

They have called for other measures to cut the cost of university, such as two-year degrees, more part-time and flexible courses and more students living in their family home.

The **announcement** comes at the same time as thousands of people are set to miss out on a UK university place. This is due to a record increase in the amount of people applying to go into further education.



## Glossary 词汇表

graduate tax – 毕业税	lent - 贷 (款)
tuition fees – 学费	proposal – 提议
higher-earning – 高收入	fairer system – 更公平的体制
ongoing – 持续的	bracing themselves – 做准备
predicted – 预言	debt – 债务
representing – 代表	rebrand – 新名称
milestone – 里程碑	to ensure – 确保
contributions – 贡献	determined – 由...决定
feasible – 可行的	radical re-think – 彻底的重新思考
measures – 措施、方法	announcement – 公告

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Students would be taxed during their time at university. True / False
2. There is currently a review into university fees. True / False
3. Not enough people are applying for places at UK universities.  
True / False
4. It is predicted that university fees will decrease. True / False
5. Currently students can get a government loan to pay for fees.  
True / False

## 2. University Vocabulary 与大学有关的词汇

### a) Match these university terms with their meaning

请把下边和大学有关的词或短语与其解释连线

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|-------------------|---|
| 1. presentation   | a. a long piece of written work on a particular subject, usually as part of a university degree                       |
| 2. seminar        | b. area of the university which some students live in   |
| 3. dissertation   | c. the week before the first term for new university students, usually there are events for people to meet each other |
| 4. student halls  | d. class involving one teacher and a small number of students discussing a particular topic                           |
| 5. freshers' week | e. a talk which gives people information about something  |

### b) Now complete the paragraph below with the correct words or phrases from above.

请用以上练习中的词或短语填空，完成下列句子。

1. As part of my university degree we had to write a \_\_\_\_\_ and give a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I met a lot of my university friends during \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Today I have a \_\_\_\_\_ with my lecturer.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ are never tidy!

### 3. Reading Comprehension 阅读理解

Complete the sentences with the words below in this text about freshers' week.

请选用下面方框里给出的词或短语来完成以下文章。

Freshers' week is usually \_\_\_\_\_ the first week before \_\_\_\_\_ starts and is for new university students.

During the week there are \_\_\_\_\_ events to welcome new students to the university.

The week provides students with a chance \_\_\_\_\_ representatives from their student union and make new friends.

Some of the people that you meet at freshers' week \_\_\_\_\_ friends you will have through your whole time at university.

During the week there are live music events, discos, parties and a freshers' fair.

The fair is where a lot of the student clubs and societies can \_\_\_\_\_ new students to activities outside of studying.

The main event of freshers' week is the \_\_\_\_\_ which is usually \_\_\_\_\_ a big venue and quite often a famous band or DJ will play.

freshers' ball

term

introduce

held at

held on

organised

to meet

tend to be

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with university in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与大学有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

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z	y	t	e	r	m	r	o	g	i	e	n
a	e	u	w	s	i	e	r	n	t	a	t
s	d	e	b	t	e	q	s	t	u	d	y
q	d	b	j	o	i	e	x	a	m	f	a

term	lecture	graduate	seminar	debt
tuition	student	money	study	exam

## Answers 答案

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

- Students would be taxed during their time at university. **False**
- There is currently a review into university fees. **True**
- Not enough people are applying for places at UK universities. **False**
- It is predicted that university fees will decrease. **False**
- Currently students can get a government loan to pay for fees. **True**

### 3. Reading Comprehension 阅读理解

Freshers' week is usually **held on** the first week before **term** starts and is for new university students.

During the week there are **organised** events to welcome new students to the university.

The week provides students with a chance **to meet** representatives from their student union and make new friends.

Some of the people that you meet at freshers' week **tend to be** friends you will have through your whole time at university.

During the week there are live music events, discos, parties and a freshers' fair.

The fair is where a lot of the student clubs and societies can **introduce** new students to activities outside of studying.

The main event of freshers' week is the **freshers' ball** which is usually **held at** a big venue and quite often a famous band or DJ will play.

### 2. University Vocabulary 与大学有关的词汇

- a) 1. e  
2. d  
3. a  
4. b  
5. c
- b) 1. As part of my university degree we had to write a **dissertation** and give a **presentation**.
2. I met a lot of my university friends during **freshers' week**.
3. Today I have a **seminar** with my lecturer.
4. The **student halls** are never tidy!

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