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Record Scramble for British University Places 英国大学申请者人数大幅攀升

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

What do you do if you don't get into your first choice of university? That's the **dilemma** that faces thousands of British students every year.

Many **candidates** turn to Clearing, the service that helps find **university places** for students at the last moment. If they don't have the **marks** to get into their first choice of **institution**, Clearing tells them about places available at other universities, though they might have **to read another subject**.

But this year has seen a record number of people **applying** to university. This, combined with the weak economy, an uncertain **job market** and budget cuts at universities, means that there's been even more of a **scramble for** places than usual. Some sources say six students have applied for each remaining **undergraduate** university place.

The British university **admissions** service, UCAS, says up to a quarter of this year's university **applicants** – almost 190,000 people – still don't have a place on a **degree course**. That's a rise of over 46,000 students from last year.

Faced with these figures, some British students might be thinking of an interesting alternative: studying abroad. The University of Nottingham, for example, is offering places at its **campuses** in Ningbo, near Shanghai, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Students here can gain University of Nottingham degrees in business, accounting, engineering and English. Similarly, the University of Bolton says it has 'unlimited' places at its campus in the United Arab Emirates.

Given the problems getting into university, the UK's Higher Education Minister, David Willetts, encourages students who haven't **made the grade** to consider alternatives to university, such as **apprenticeships** and studying at home.

"There are a range of options available," he says. "People are able to reapply. They should think how they can spend their year adding that bit to their **CV**, which would help their application – getting practical **work experience** or extra skills – anything that strengthens their chances next year."

But some commentators say that rising university costs, poor long-term **job prospects**, and a drop in **graduate recruitment** mean it's the worst time to be a university student in the UK.



Glossary 词汇表

dilemma – 困境、窘境	candidate – 候选人、申请者
university place – 大学入学机会	marks – 学习成绩
institution – 学校	to read another subject – 读另外一门学科
to apply – 申请	job market – 就业市场
a scramble for – 争夺	undergraduate – 本科生
admissions – 录取	applicant – 申请者
degree course – 学位课程	campus – 校园、校区
to make the grade – 够等级	apprenticeship – 学徒
CV – 个人简历	work experience – 工作经验
job prospects – 工作前景	graduate recruitment – 毕业生就业

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. When people can't get into their favourite university they might have to study something different. **True / False**
2. Fewer people have applied to university this year than last year. **True / False**
3. The University of Bolton has a site near Shanghai. **True / False**
4. The University of Bolton also has a small number of places at its campus in the United Arab Emirates. **True / False**
5. British students have more than one chance to apply to university. **True / False**

2. University Vocabulary 与大学有关的词汇

Without looking back at the glossary, see if you can put the words in the box in the correct places in the following sentences.

请用以下方框里的单词或短语来完成以下句子。看你能否不参考上面的文章，正确完成下列句子填空。

degree course	apprenticeships	graduate recruitment	
made the grade	applicants	dilemma	job prospects
	admissions	campuses	

1. Some commentators say that poor long-term _____ and a drop in _____ mean it's the worst time to be a university student in the UK.
2. The UK's Higher Education Minister encourages students who haven't _____ to consider alternatives to university, such as _____ and studying at home.
3. The British university _____ service, UCAS, says up to a quarter of this year's university _____ still don't have a place on a _____.
4. What do you do if you don't get into your first choice of university? That's the _____ that faces thousands of British students every year.
5. The University of Nottingham is offering places at its _____ in Ningbo, near Shanghai, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

3. Verbs, Adjectives and Nouns 动词，形容词和名词

Do you know what the missing nouns and verb forms are in the exercise below? Look at the example and then try to do the rest.

请参照给出的例子，把正确的词性填在横线上。

	<u>Verbs</u>	<u>Nouns</u>
	Example	
	<u>To study</u>	student
1.	_____	recruitment
2.	_____	budget
3.	To offer	_____
4.	_____	scramble
5.	To encourage	_____
6.	_____	admissions
7.	To consider	_____
8.	To apply	_____

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with this week's article 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，找出与本周文章有关的英语单词来。

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。

j	a	d	m	i	s	s	i	o	n	s	d
u	n	e	d	i	l	e	m	m	a	l	e
j	a	u	s	c	r	a	m	b	l	e	g
o	o	p	i	s	c	i	a	l	e	i	r
l	o	b	p	o	b	e	r	e	a	t	e
i	l	i	m	l	o	r	k	i	l	l	e
u	c	a	l	a	i	y	s	t	r	i	n
s	a	l	s	u	r	c	a	p	p	l	y
t	m	o	m	e	l	k	a	r	t	y	i
y	p	o	l	l	e	c	e	n	u	h	n
o	u	r	t	h	u	r	l	t	t	e	n
t	s	u	n	i	v	e	r	s	i	t	y

dilemma	campus	scramble	applicant
apply	admissions	marks	job market
	degree	university	

Answers 答案

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3. Verbs, Adjectives and Nouns 动词, 形容词和名词

1. To recruit
2. To budget
3. Offer
4. To scramble
5. Encouragement
6. To admit
7. Consideration
8. Application, applicant

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			m	l			k				e
	c			a	i		s				
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