

# How good are your study skills?

## Test yourself with our quiz

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### What is studying?

- a Making sure I remember things well
- b Being able to use the information I've researched
- c Seeing things in a different and more meaningful way
- d What I have to do to avoid getting kicked out of University

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### What motivates you most?

- a Getting a degree to help get a good job
- b Doing as well as I really can on my course
- c Finding out more about the topics and ideas I'm learning about because they can be quite exciting at times
- d Getting the work done as fast as possible so I can go out with friends

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### How organised are you?

- a I fit in short periods of study as and when I can
- b I know what time I have for studying and try to make the most of it
- c Studying comes first, so I'll always make extra time for something especially interesting
- d I used to have a watch, but I think I lost it somewhere

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### How well do you think you'll do at University?

- a I worry that I'll get swamped by the amount of work we'll be given
- b I always try to think first about what the markers are after, so I hope I'll be fine
- c Enthusiasm isn't everything, but I've got a real feel for the subject
- d I'll take it as it comes and see how I get on

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### Lectures are?

- a Really useful, but I never know what's going to be important later on so I write everything down
- b How I find out what to think and write about
- c Just a starting point for looking into a subject
- d Timetabled too early in the morning or too late in the afternoon for me to go

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## When I finish a piece of work, I...

- a Breathe a sigh of relief
- b Check it through to make sure it meets all the requirements
- c Try to follow up any ideas that interested me but I couldn't justify including
- d Don't know - hasn't happened yet

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## When I have an assignment to do, I...

- a Speak to the tutor to find out exactly what I need to do
- b Think about what the marker is likely to be looking for
- c Read around the subject before focusing in on the key issues
- d Put it to the back of my mind until the night before the deadline

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## Reading and research is?

- a Finding out enough about the basics to pass
- b Following up on tutors' suggestions to get good marks
- c Finding out more, reflecting on what I've learnt and coming up with my own ideas
- d What other people do

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## Remembering everything is?

- a Hard because I never know what matters and what doesn't
- b A matter of putting the hours in
- c Not a problem because the subject interests me so much
- d Just not going to happen, so why even try?

## How did you do?

### Mostly (a)s?

Studying is difficult, but don't despair. Always try to remember why you decided to study in the first place - getting a better job, proving to friends, family (and yourself) that you can do it, whatever. It's worth thinking about how you study, though. Start with a look at the Student Academic Support website (<http://StudentAcademicSupport.abertay.ac.uk>) where there are lots of useful tips, from note-taking in lectures to preparing assignments and to revising for exams. Or visit one of our advisors at a drop-in session or for a longer appointment.

### Mostly (c)s?

You're full of enthusiasm and likely to get some good grades so long as you always remember to come back to exactly what your assignments are asking for. Enjoy your studies.

### Mostly (b)s?

You've got a good solid approach to your studies, so perhaps it's time to take a few risks that can really pay off and will help you prepare for the later years of your degree. Try to make a bit of extra time to explore the subjects and ideas that really interest you. Try to put different ideas that you've researched to one side and come up with your own thoughts. Your tutors will be able to give you pointers as you get started, as can the Student Academic Support advisors.

### Mostly (d)s?

Should you really be at University? Seriously if you are genuinely committed to working for a degree, you'll have your work cut out if this is how you go about it. It would be worth seeing your personal tutor or one of the Student Academic Support advisors to help you get on track.