



# Career and course options



This sequence is intended as a framework to be modified and adapted by teachers to suit the needs of a class group.

## Resources needed

- Types of qualifications – Visualiser
- Choosing what and where to study – Instructions
- Choosing what and where to study – Worksheet
- HELP scheme – Worksheet
- Meredith video
- HELP information video
- Writing paragraphs in Work Studies – How-to-sheet
- Kahoot

## Suggested activity sequence

### Part A: Choosing a course

- 1 Display and explain the *Visualiser*.
- 2 Brainstorm what factors students should consider before applying for a course at a university or a college. Possibilities include:
  - location
  - duration
  - ATAR
  - quality of the educational institution
  - job prospects
  - salary
- 3 As a class, read through the *Instructions* and clarify any questions students have.
- 4 Students complete the *Choosing what and where to study – Worksheet*.
- 5 Invite students to present and justify their shortlist to the class.

### Part B: The HELP system

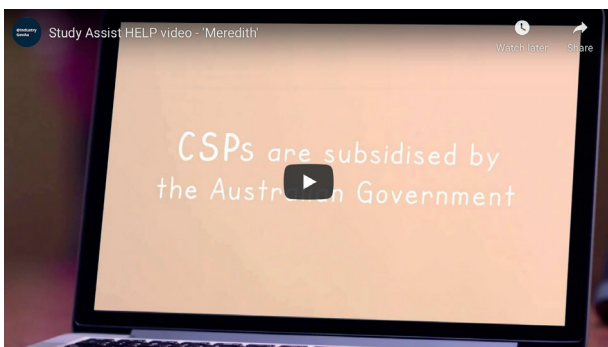
- 1 Brainstorm what students already know about HELP. Possible prompts include:
  - Can you get a loan to pay for study?
  - What kinds of loans are there?
  - Who gives you the loan?
  - Who can get a loan?
  - Can you study for free?
  - Why not just get a loan from a bank?



Play: This video is about how the Study Assist website can HELP you find out all you need to know about what government assistance is available to finance your tertiary study.

Go to [studyassist.gov.au](https://studyassist.gov.au) and search for 'videos'. The video will appear on the page.

### Meredith



- 2 Students complete the *HELP scheme – Worksheet*.
- 3 Invite students to share the ideas in their paragraphs.

Refer students to the *Paragraph model*.

### Part C: Repaying a loan

- 1 Brainstorm what students already know about repaying a HELP loan. Possible prompts include:
  - Do you have to pay for your university fees upfront?
  - If you got a HELP loan, do you have to pay it back?
  - How do you pay back a HELP debt?
  - When do you pay back a HELP debt?

- 2 Play: This video provides information about HELP.

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### HELP information video



- 3 Invite students to think about the following questions and then play the Kahoot to test student understanding.

Go to <https://play.kahoot.it/v2/?quizId=89bac81d-ea34-4db5-8c8b-33f586ef56f8>

- a. The HELP scheme supports Australians to further their study or training.
- b. If you got a HELP loan, do you have to pay it back?
- c. How do you pay back a HELP debt?
- d. When do you pay back a HELP debt?
- e. If you make \$18,000 working part time, will you have to make a payment on your HELP debt?.