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## Ivy League Education

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

### Language Point

<p><b>just so many smart students</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- just so many bright students</li> <li>- just so many clever students</li> <li>- just so many intelligent students</li> </ul>	
<p><b>That's a fair point.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That makes sense.</li> <li>- You're right about that.</li> <li>- I agree with you.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>The Ivy Leagues schools are not cheap.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Ivy League schools are not inexpensive.</li> <li>- The Ivy League schools are not so affordable.</li> <li>- The Ivy League schools are not budget friendly.</li> </ul>	

### Key vocabulary

Ivy League	criteria	factor	fierce
extracurricular activity	comprehensive	vital	spot

Part 1

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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The **Ivy League** is composed of the **most reputable** and **highly esteemed** academic institutions in the United States. But, unknown to some, **internal rivalry** has long existed among these **eight elite Ivies** in terms of academic excellence, highly selective admission standards, career opportunities and sports activities.

**8 Ivies**

1. Harvard University
2. Cornell University
3. Princeton University
4. Yale University
5. Columbia University
6. University of Pennsylvania
7. Dartmouth College
8. Brown University



**II. PRESENTATION**

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**A. Expressions**

	Questions:
<b>It sounds very comprehensive.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ A very comprehensive admission process only gives more pressure to incoming students. Do you agree or disagree?</li></ul>
<b>I'm sure the competition is fierce.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ In what ways is education competitive in your country?</li></ul>

## B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

**Megumi:** What are some of the key criteria for getting accepted to an Ivy League school?

**Elliot:** There are several factors that they consider, such as academic performance in high school, test scores for the SAT or the ACT, extracurricular activities, and a personal essay for the school application followed by an interview.

**Megumi:** It sounds very comprehensive. I'm sure the competition is fierce.

**Elliot:** It's really hard to get accepted. There are just so many smart students applying from all around the world for a limited number of spots.

**Megumi:** Missing out on an Ivy League education is not the end of the world. There are plenty of high-quality universities that are not part of the Ivy League but are still considered great schools.

**Elliot:** That's a fair point. Another thing to keep in mind is cost. The Ivy League schools are not cheap.

**Megumi:** A proper education is expensive but often vital to future success.

## Q & A!



- What are some advantages and disadvantages of being a graduate from world-class institutions like the Ivy League schools?
- Does a diploma from a well-known university guarantee a life-long career opportunity?
- In your opinion, is it important to receive a university degree? Expand on your answer.

Part 2

### III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

#### A. What do you think?

Directions: Answer the questions based on your personal knowledge and experience.

Do you think that enrolling your child in an expensive university is worth the financial investment?



How can university students relax and lessen their stress?

Give three possible ways.



Participation in extra-curricular activities such as sports or clubs is greatly encouraged in most private schools as these activities provide a much-needed break from academic pressures.

What is your opinion on this?



## B. Let's Talk!

Directions: Give three reasons you would consider enrolling in an Ivy League school. Select three from the choices below and explain your answer.



- academic excellence**
- athletics**
- guaranteed employment in a prestigious company after graduation**
- networking benefits (graduates stay connected with a who's who in society)**
- prestige and honor**

## C. Role-Play

# Role-Play



Your friend is thinking of enrolling in an Ivy League school.  
He is hesitating because of financial constraints.  
Talk to him and give him some advice.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.