

worksheet

level 1

Try not to look at the transcript while doing these exercises! Always read the instructions and all the information in the tasks before listening. Listen as many times as you like.

Facts and Figures

- 1 Listen to the whole podcast.
 - a Which country sends the most students to the USA every year?
 - b Which is the most popular area of study?

Try to guess the answers to the following questions before listening again.

- 2 Complete the gaps in the text below with numbers.

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More than _____ foreign students attended an American college or university during the last school year. It was the _____ straight year with more than _____ international students in the United States. Last year's group was about the same size as the year before - which was good news for schools. Why? Because the number of students coming to the United States had been falling for _____ years.

- 3 Are the numbers of students from the following countries going up or down?

country	up/down	country	up/down
India		Colombia	
China		Pakistan	
South Korea		Malaysia	
Japan		Nepal	
Turkey		Vietnam	

- 4 Are these sentences true or false?
 - a University of Southern California had more than 7,000 foreign students.
 - b University of Southern California had fewer students than Columbia University.

- 5 Match the areas of study with the percentages:

Business and Management	16%
Social Sciences	9%
Maths and Computing	8%
Engineering	8%
Physical and Life Sciences	18%

answers

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- 1 *a* India
 b Business and Management

- 2
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Last year's group was about the same size as the year before -- which was good news for schools. Why? Because the number of students coming to the United States had been falling for 2 years.*

- 3 Are the numbers of students from the following countries going up or down?

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India	↓	Colombia	↓
China	↑	Pakistan	↓
South Korea	↓	Malaysia	↓
Japan	↓	Nepal	↑
Turkey	↓	Vietnam	↑

- 4 *a* false
 b false

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