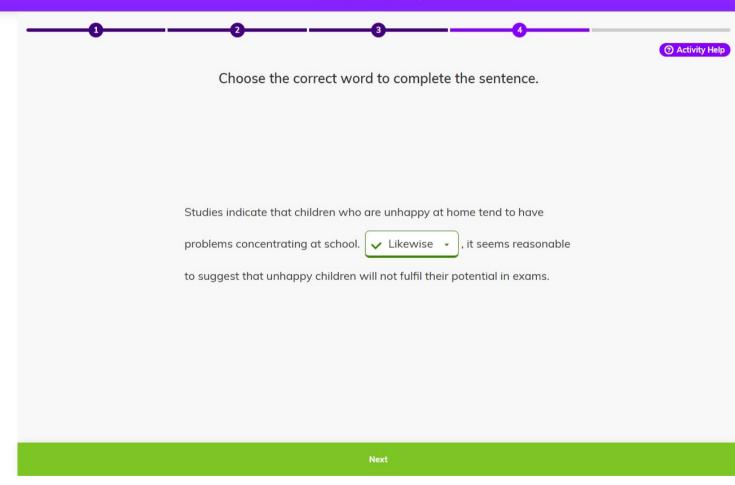


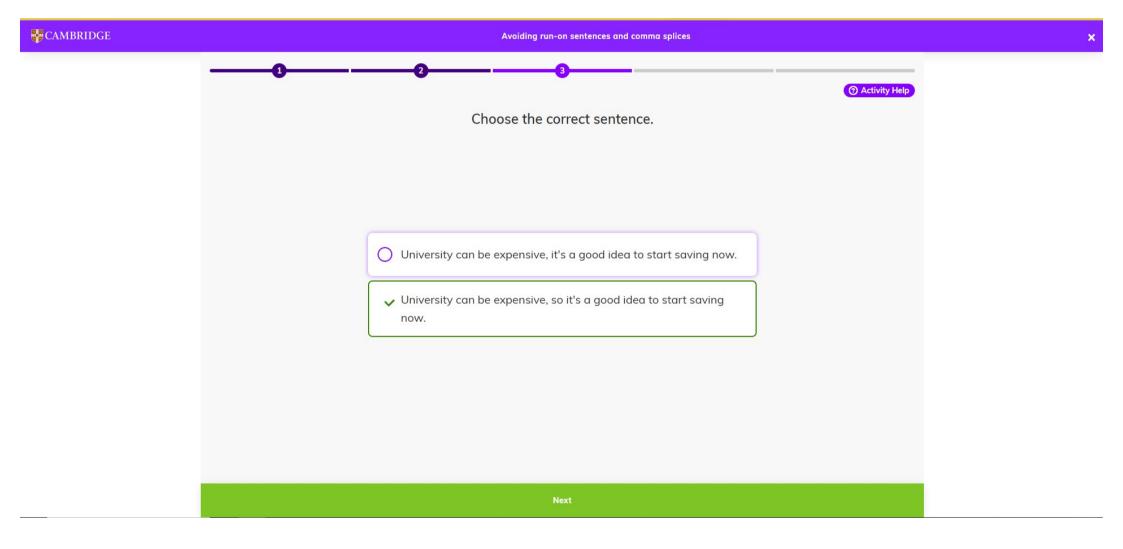
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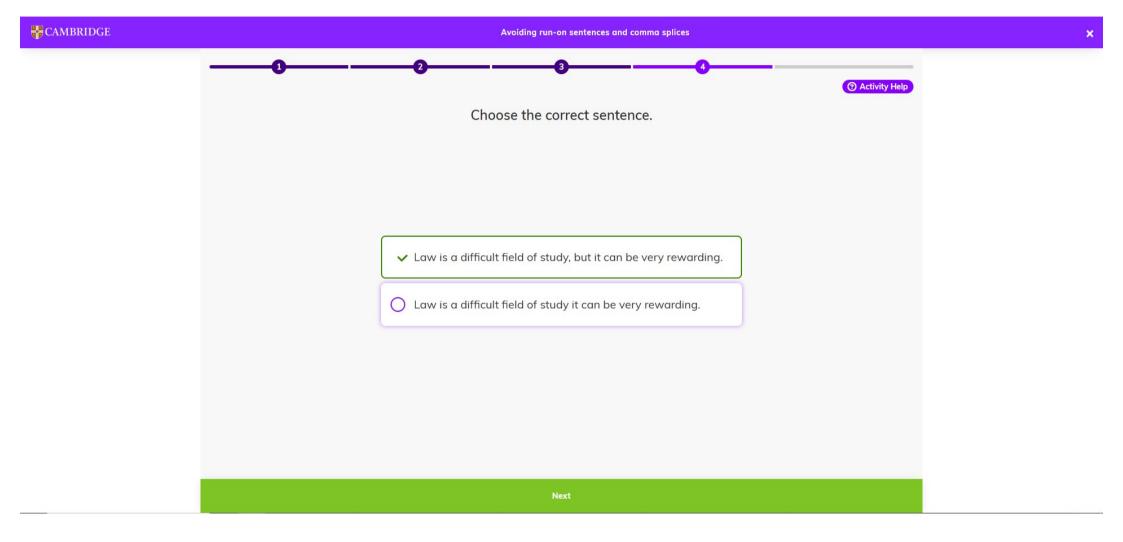
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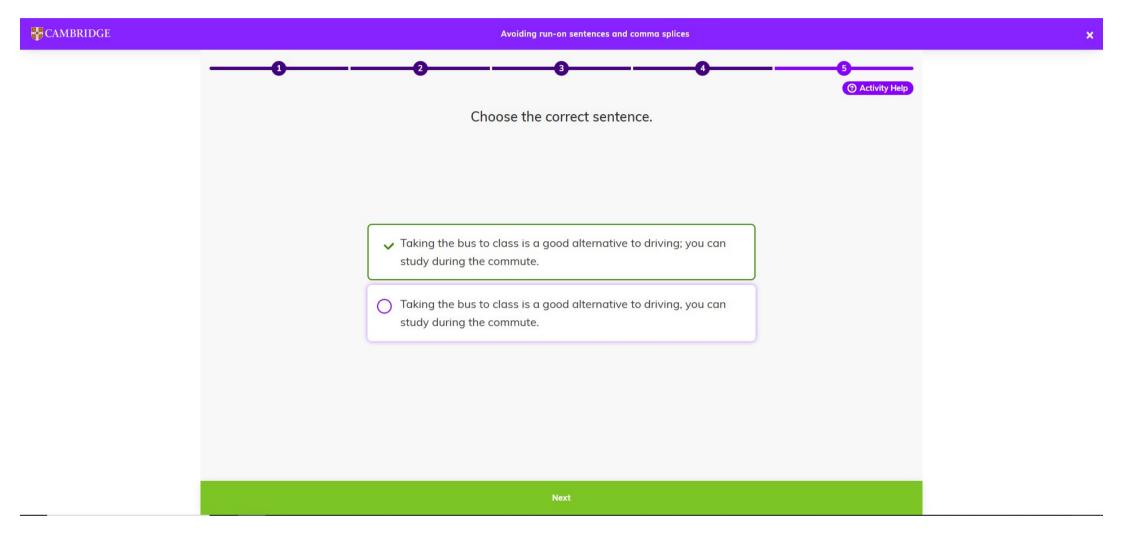
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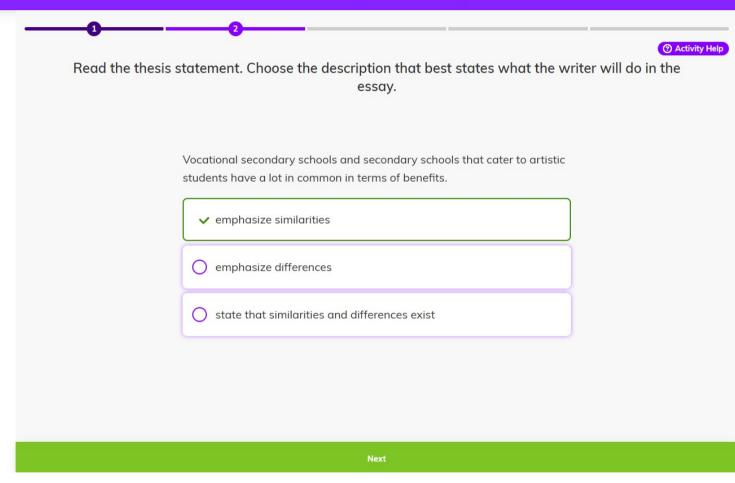
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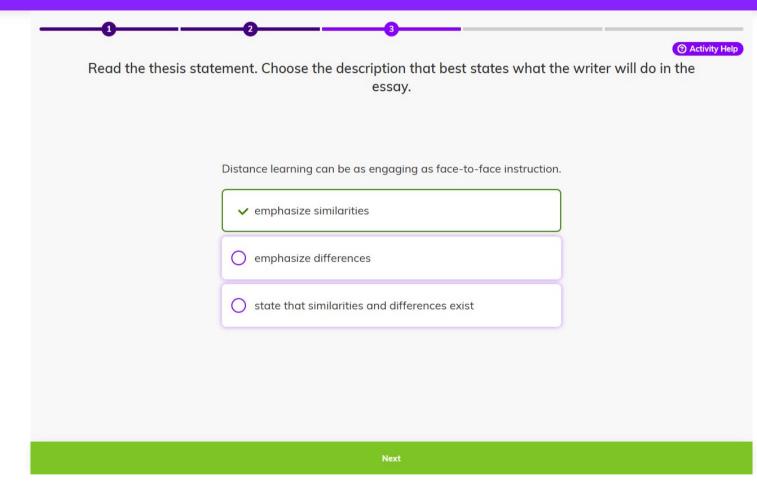
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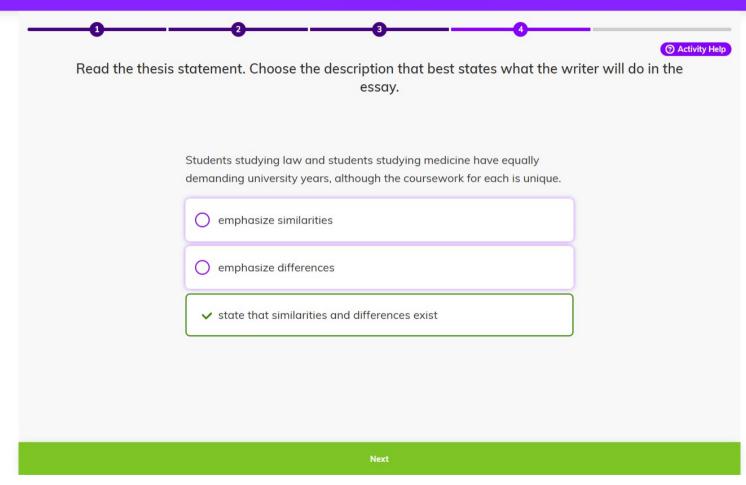
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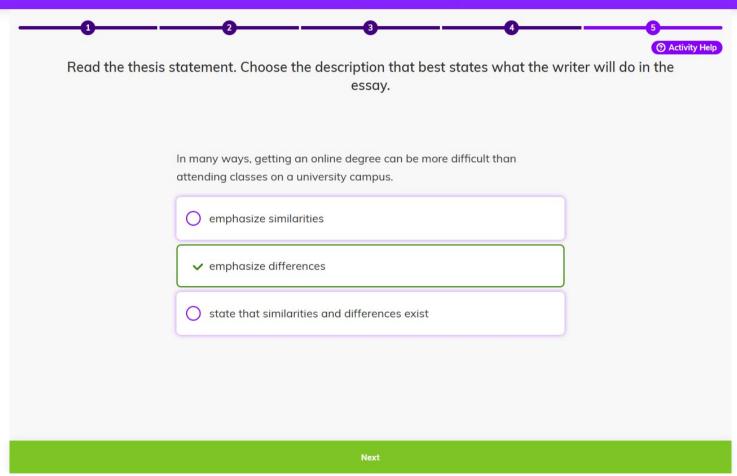
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1 South Korea and the United States are very different countries culturally, historically, linguistically, and in many other ways. Yet both societies value education and have systems which can deliver an excellent education to students. As in the U.S., education for South Korean children is mandatory and free for all unless a family chooses a private school. Both educational systems are divided into elementary school, secondary school (middle school and high school), and higher education (college and graduate study). Despite these basic similarities, it will probably come as no surprise that there are also significant differences between the educational systems of the two countries.

2 First, the curriculum for each country is designed differently. For Koreans in kindergarten through high school, the curriculum is highly centralized and nationally determined. The U.S., in contrast, gives each state the ability to determine the focus of the curriculum that will be taught in schools. For example, "moral education" is one of the subjects taught in every Korean school; the U.S. has no similar requirement. Also, Korean schools are more foreign-language-oriented, since learning English is regarded as a more vital skill for Koreans than learning any foreign language is for Americans. Furthermore, Korean high schools are divided into schools that focus on academic skills for

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3 High school life is very different in the two countries as well. Korean students are very focused on studying, and it is a core principle of Korean society that being a student is a young

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unavoidable." In fact, 93% of all Korean students graduate from high school on time, while almost 25% of American high school students — more than 1.2 million every year — fail to graduate.

4 The standardized tests needed to get into college in the two countries are also very different. Typically, American students take either the SAT or ACT test, as well as tests in any Advanced Placement (AP) subjects they studied. Students have choices about when they can take these tests, and they often take them multiple times. The results of these tests do not determine, however, which schools students may or may not apply to. Also, in addition to scores and grades, U.S. colleges pay a great deal of attention to students' backgrounds, extra-curricular activities, personal statements, and any recommendations they received. In contrast, Korean high school students take a college admissions test that is only offered on one certain day every November: the Suneung exam. It is not common to take this test more than once, so the results are very important. In addition to this, most colleges give their own tests each year called the Nonsul, and this score can also determine who gains admission.

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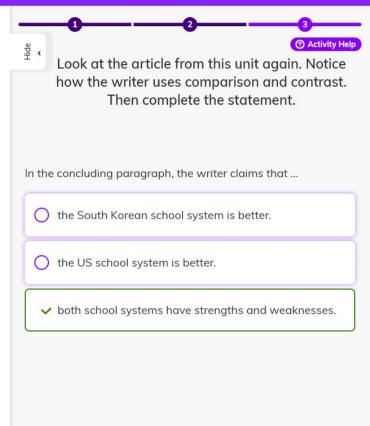
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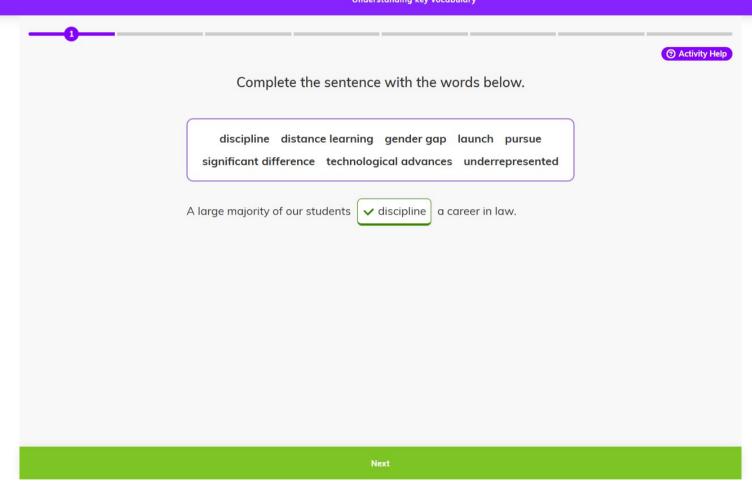
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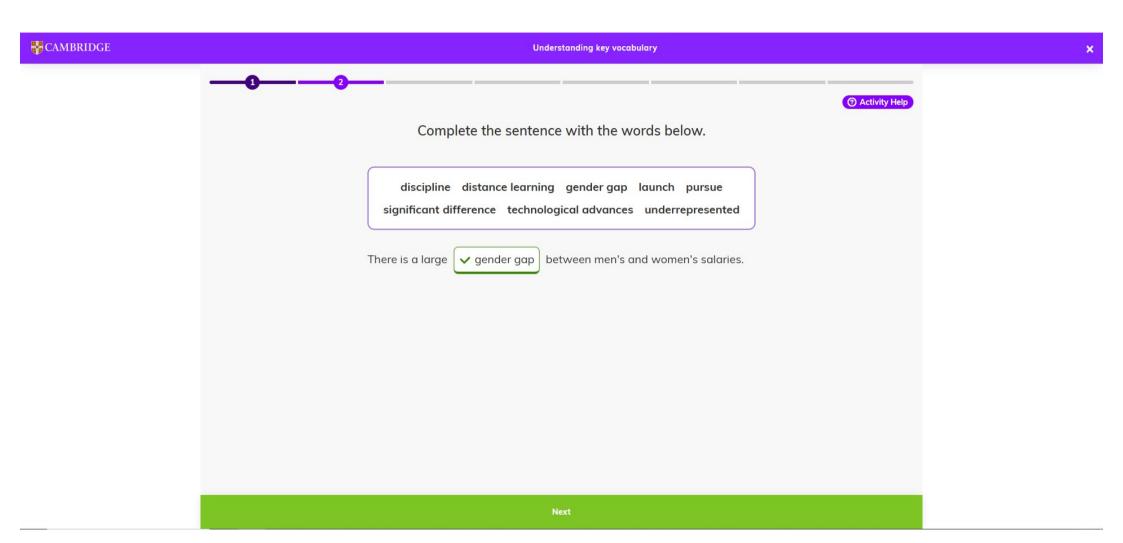
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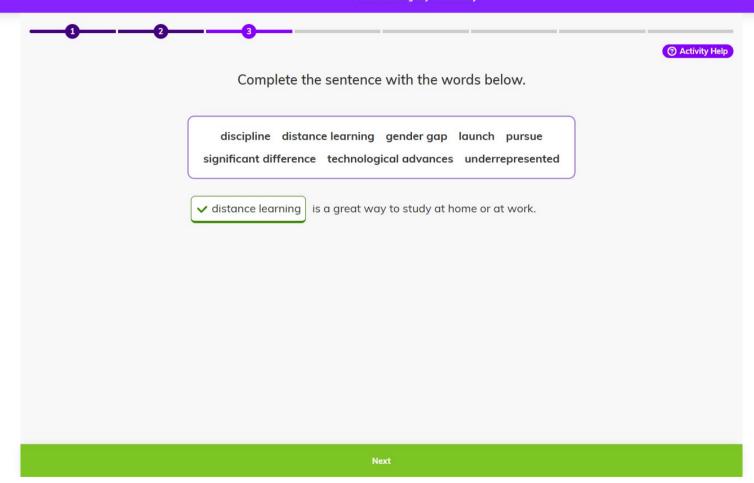
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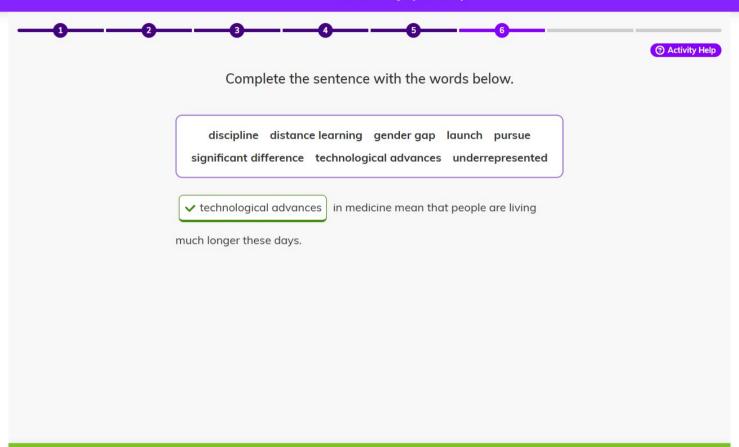
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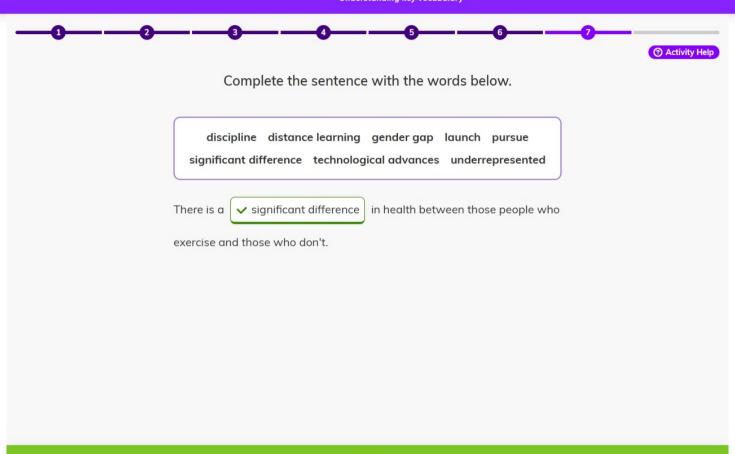


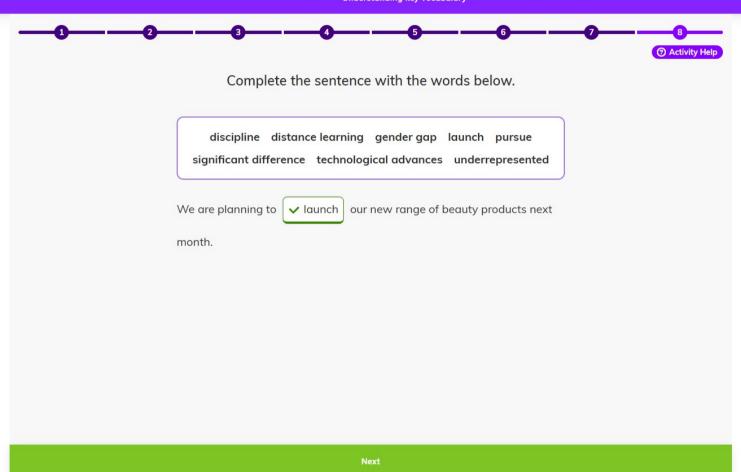


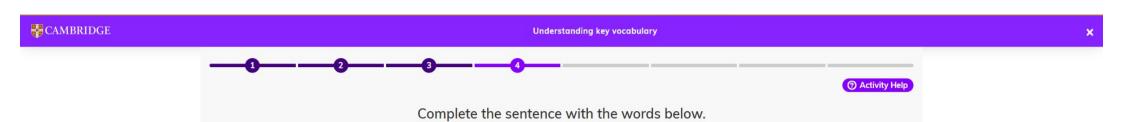










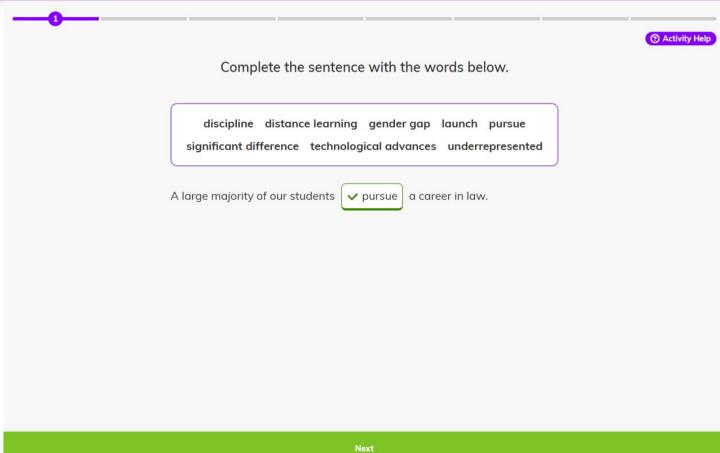


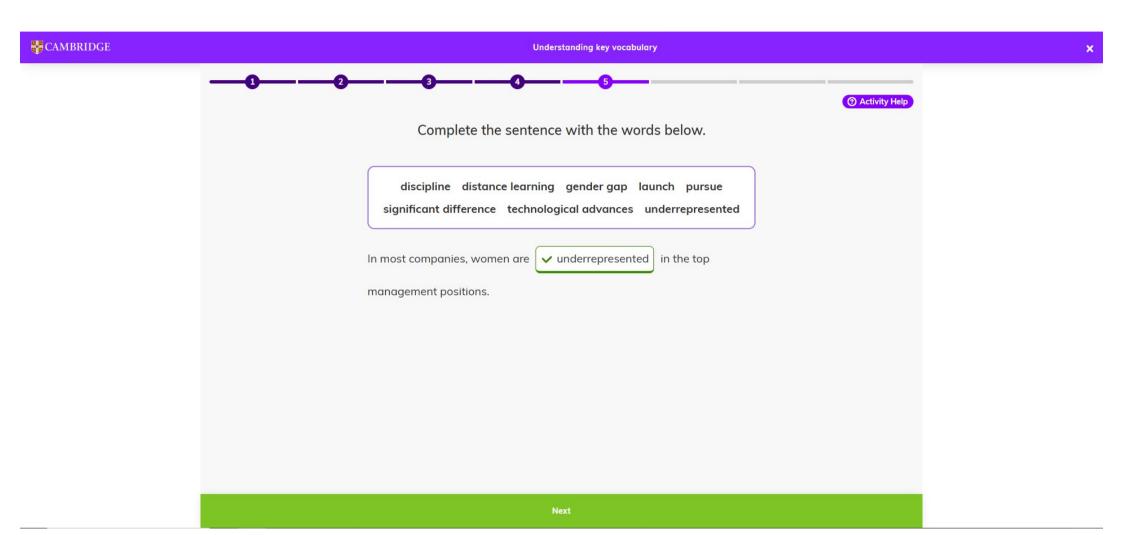
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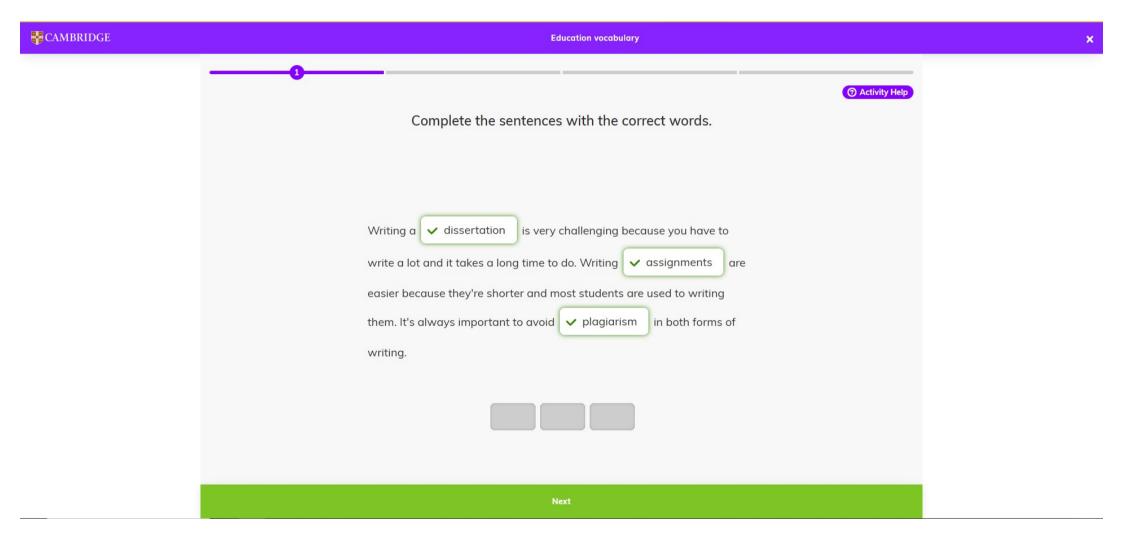
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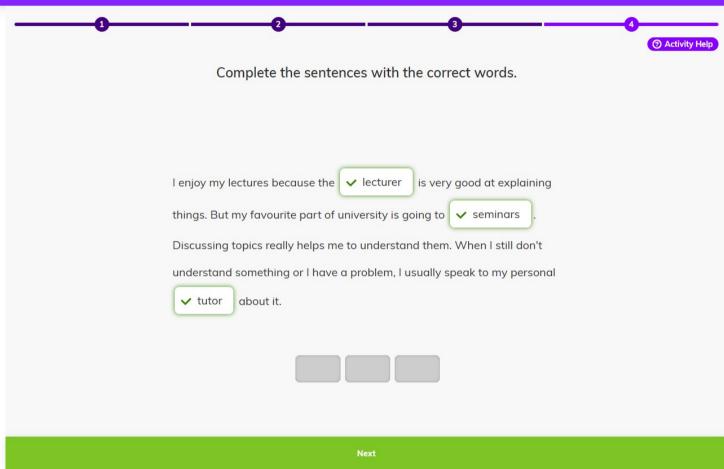




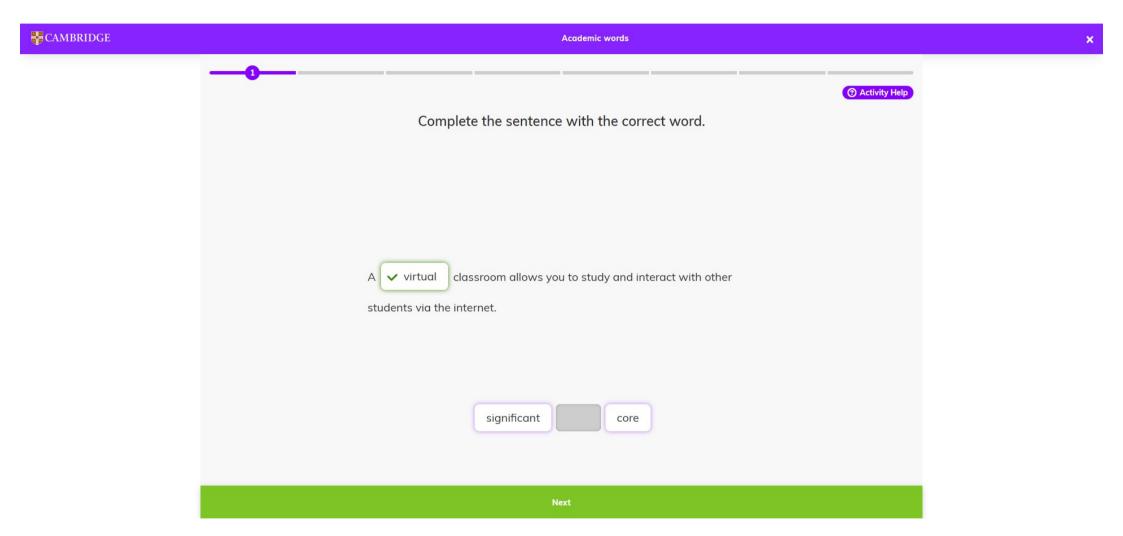


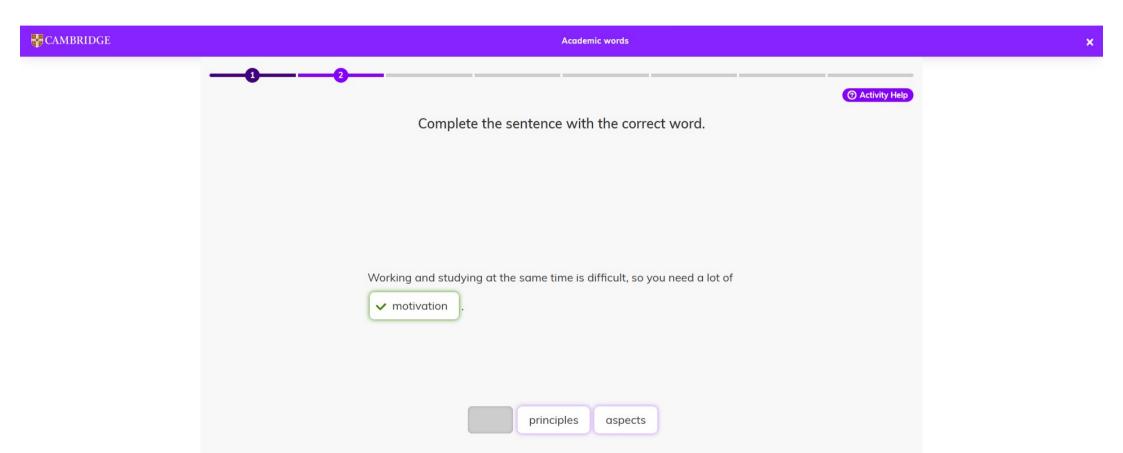
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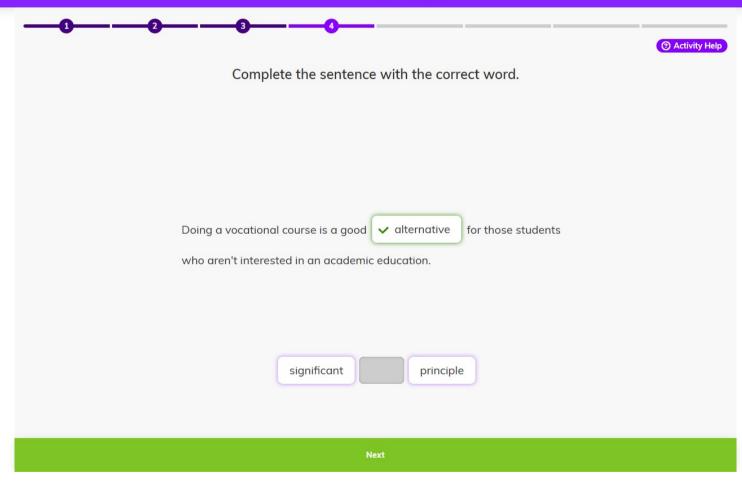
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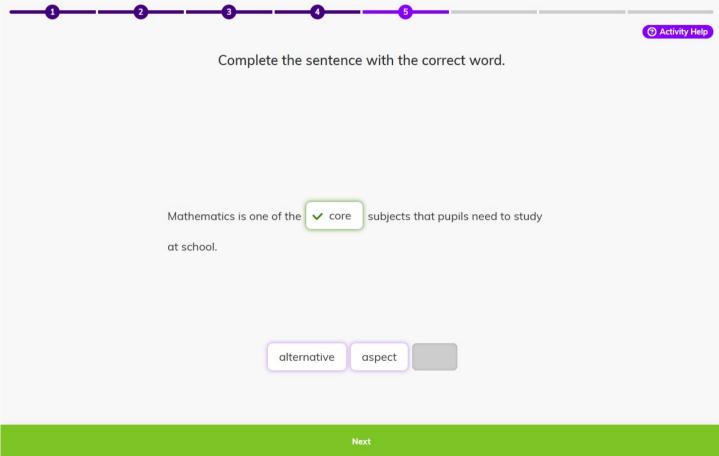




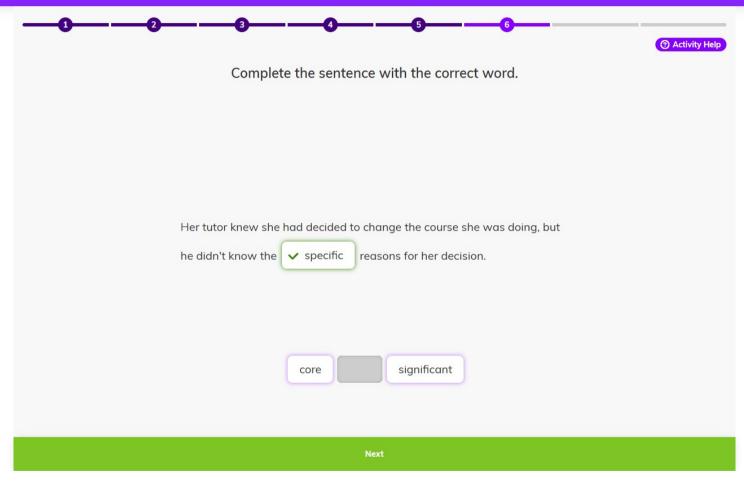


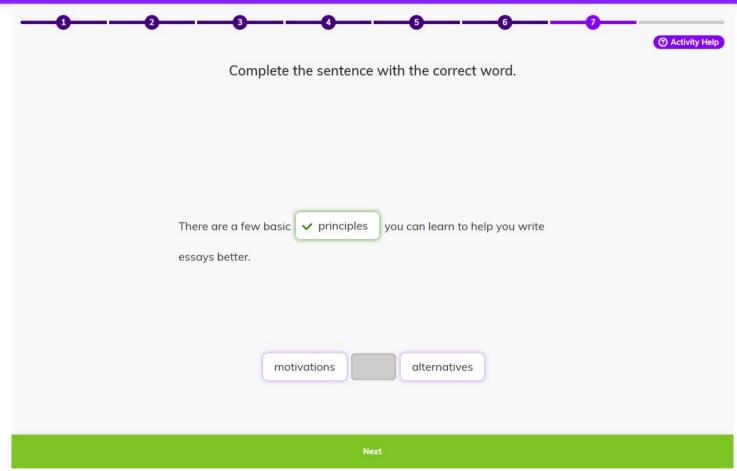


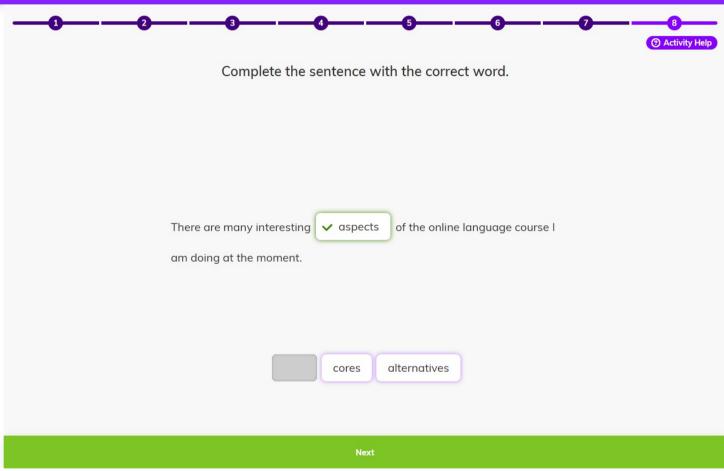


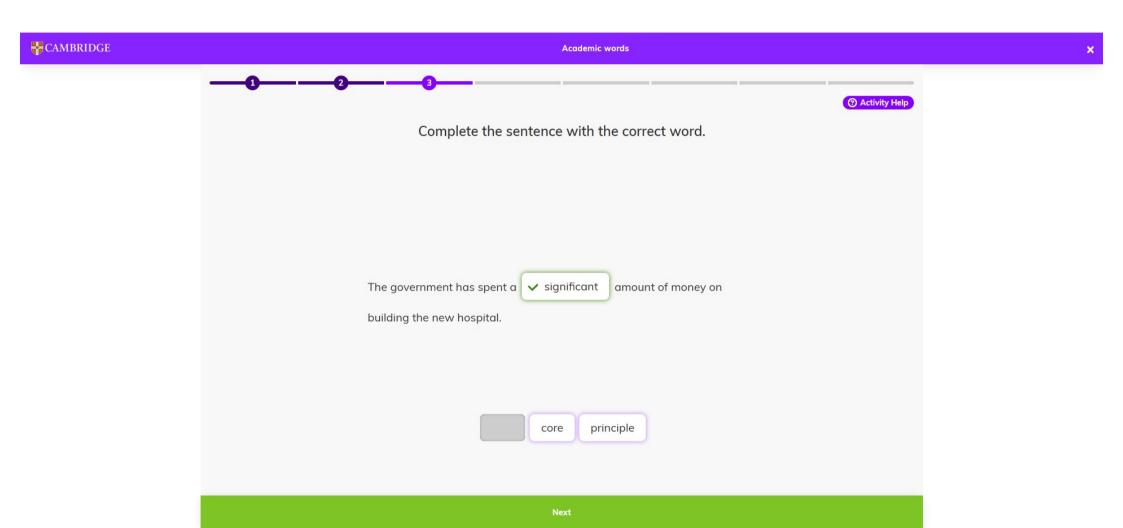


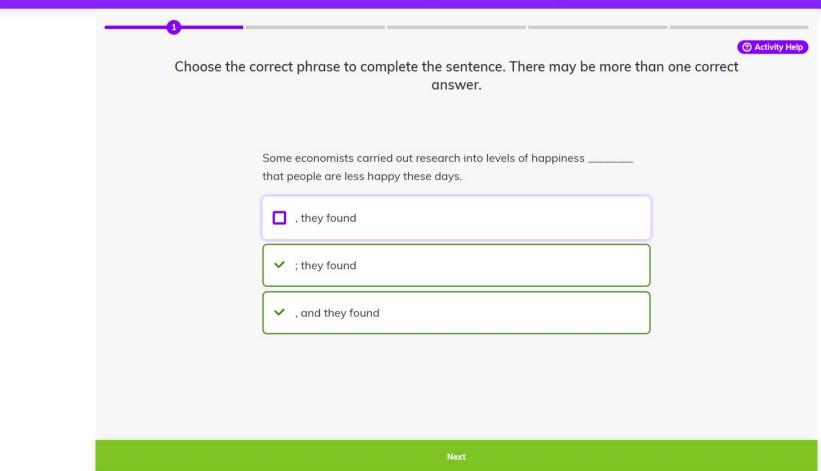
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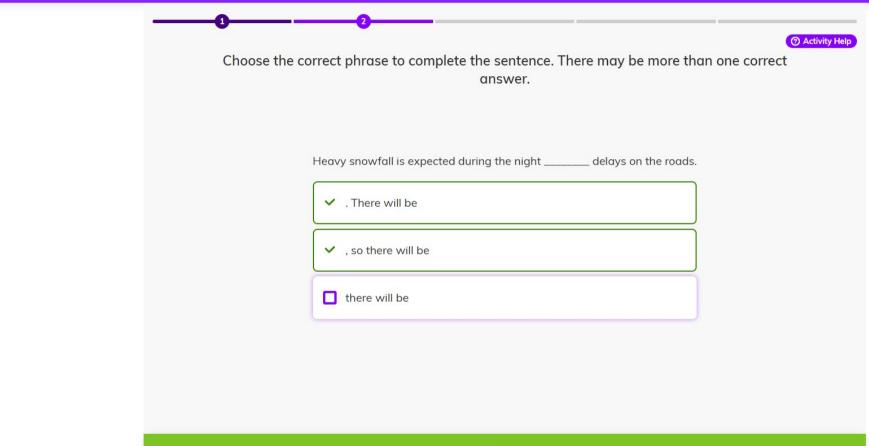












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