

Is there a printer I can use?

LEARNING OUTCOME

learn how to ask about facilities in a place of study

Everyday life

1 Look at the photo and answer the questions.

Where is this person and what is she doing?
What kind of facilities would you look for in a place of study?



Everyday vocabulary

2 Complete the list of things you might expect to find in a library or self-access centre with a, e, i, o or u.

b.....ks	j.....rn...ls	m...v.....s
c...mp...t...rs	l...br...r...n	m...s...c
c...p...rs	l...t...r...t...r...	n...wsp...p...rs
h.....dph...n...s	m...g...z...n...s	pr...nt...rs

Dialogue

3 09 Listen to the dialogue. What does Juliet mainly want to use the self-access centre for?

Juliet is studying English at a summer school. She wants to know about the facilities in the self-access centre.

Juliet: Hi. Could you give me some information about the self-access centre?

Facilitator: Sure. Why don't you have a look around, (1)

Juliet: Thanks. What time does the centre open?

Facilitator: We are open from nine thirty to six.

Juliet: Every day?

Facilitator: Yes, (2)

Juliet: Is there always someone who can help me?

Facilitator: Mike is here on Mondays and Wednesdays. (3), on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I'm Alex.

Juliet: Is there Internet access?

Facilitator: Yes. You just fill in a short form and I will give you your log in details.

Juliet: What types of materials do you have?

Facilitator: We have exam practice materials, pronunciation help, (4)

Juliet: Great. (5)
Do you have any films?

Facilitator: Yes! We have films, TV shows, and a selection of music, too.

Juliet: Can I bring in and use my own memory stick?

Facilitator: Yes. (6)

Juliet: Awesome!

4 Read and complete the dialogue with the phrases (a–f). Then listen again and check.

- a Monday to Friday
- b I am here all day
- c No problem
- d I'm interested in listening
- e and grammar and vocabulary exercises
- f and then ask me if you have any questions

EVERYDAY ENGLISH TOOLKIT: ASKING ABOUT FACILITIES

Look at the expressions from the dialogue.

Who says each one: Juliet or the facilitator?

What time does (the centre) open?

We have (exam practice materials).

What types of (materials) do you have?

I will give you (your log in details).

Why don't you have a look around?

Do you have any (films)?

You just fill in (a short form).

Is there always someone who can help me?

Over to you!

5 Work in pairs. You are in a language school. One of you is a student, and the other is the self-access facilitator. Follow the steps below and role-play a conversation. Then change roles. Use the expressions in the Everyday English Toolkit.

Student: Look at the list of items in 2 and decide what questions you want to ask to find out about self-access facilities at the school.

Self-access facilitator: Read the information about your school's self-access centre and prepare to answer the student's questions.

Green Valley Language School Self-Access Centre

Open Mon-Fri 10.00-5.00

Computers/printers/copiers available

Reading/listening materials

Internet Access (requires log in details)

Students can borrow books & DVDs