



## U.S. Class Vocabulary (for international students) The Definitions

*Here are the definitions of words and expressions that are common in US classrooms.*

### Verbs

expression: "All set?"	= Is everyone ready? Are you ready?
be graded down	= to have one's grade lowered, such as from a B to a B-
count	= to have an effect on one's grade
drop a course	= to officially remove a course from one's schedule
fill in	= to add information in a blank space
get back	= to receive graded work after turning it in (as a student)
go over	= to review
grade on a curve	= to modify all students' grades to raise the average
hand in / turn in	= to submit work to an instructor
hand out / pass out	= to distribute items to students
lose points	= to not get full credit for something, such as an assignment
make (obj.) up	= to do an alternative work to raise one's grade after doing poorly
move on	= to continue to the next item or topic
pass/give back	= to return work to students
skip	= to pass over an item without addressing it
turn to (+ page #...)	= to physically find a specific page number in a book

### Nouns

cheat sheet	= a single paper or index card permitted by the instructor that a student can write notes on and bring to a test to refer to
credit	= points toward a grade on an assignment or for class
"easy A"	= a class that is easy to do well in
extra credit	= an optional extra problem or assignment for bonus points
full credit	= 100%
review session	= an in-class or out-of-class meeting to review for an exam
make-up test	= a replacement test given if a student misses a test
make-up policy	= the course guidelines for making up missed work
partial credit	= less than 100% but some credit for the work done
participation points	= points toward one's grade that a student gets for speaking
prerequisite	= a course required before one can take a higher-level course
study guide	= a guide from the instructor to help students prepare for a test
take-home exam	= a test students can do at home on their own
used textbook	= a book that has been used before and resold to students