

# Project #5: Capturing the Context of Photographs

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# Introduction

**Krums** - capturing the context of photographs

## Focus

- Improving the creating, sharing and searching function of the app
- Improve the application's intuitiveness and interaction with the user
- creating visual web with photos and videos

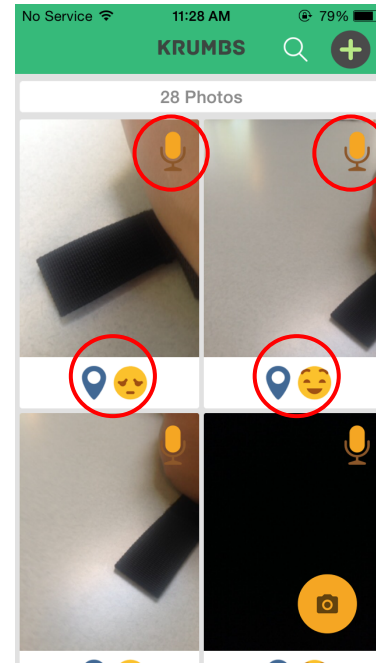
# Usability Problems

## Ambiguity of the emoticons



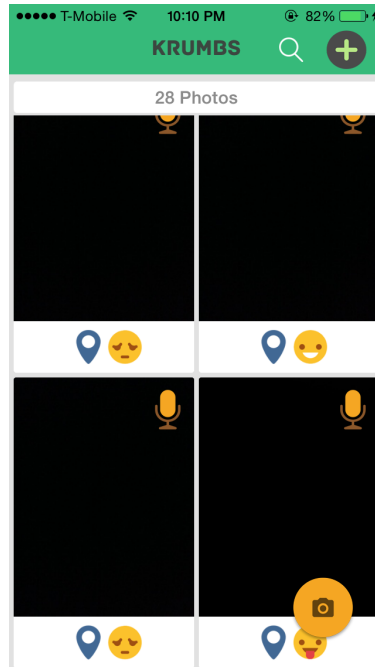
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## Ambiguity within the icons



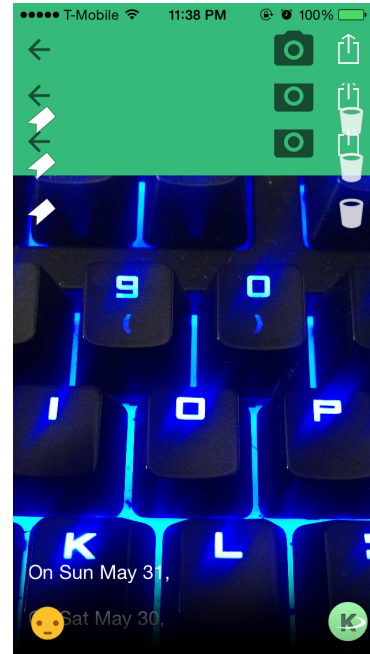
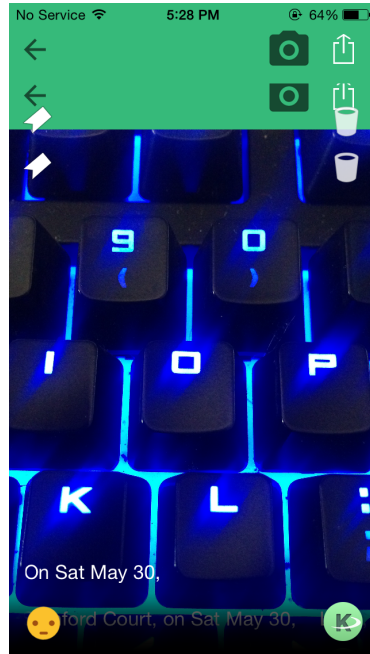
# Usability Problems

Users are guessing what things do most of the time



# Other Problems Found

- Double frames appear after editing (iOS)



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- Initial confusion for how to capture photos
- Confusion over the voice tag and how it works; no option of editing
- Geo-tags and event-tags are inaccurate
- Different problems on different OS's
  - **iOS**
    - experienced more crashes
  - **Android**
    - had problems connected to a physical back button
    - Fragmentation



# Methods

- Usability Surveys
- Heuristic Evaluations
- Interviews (<25 minutes)
- Mock-ups/Rapid Prototyping (Redesigns)
- User testing redesigns via “think aloud”

# Progress So Far

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# Suggestions for Improvement

- Tutorial/walk through in the beginning when app is being used for the first time
  - to help fix ambiguity problems with the app
  - not enough original guidance
- Communicate the functionality of various functions better
  - tutorial will help this
- Improvement or control mechanism for voice tagging
- Option to select which photos to import

# Good Points

- Design to have minimal user generated error
- Quick response, no lag
- Minimalist Design
  - Simple and elegant
- Idea of tags - especially emoticon tag

# Users Tested

- **Target group:**
  - Young people (18-25 years old)
- Did not have access to international users for testing and interviews
- Client provided us with international feedback

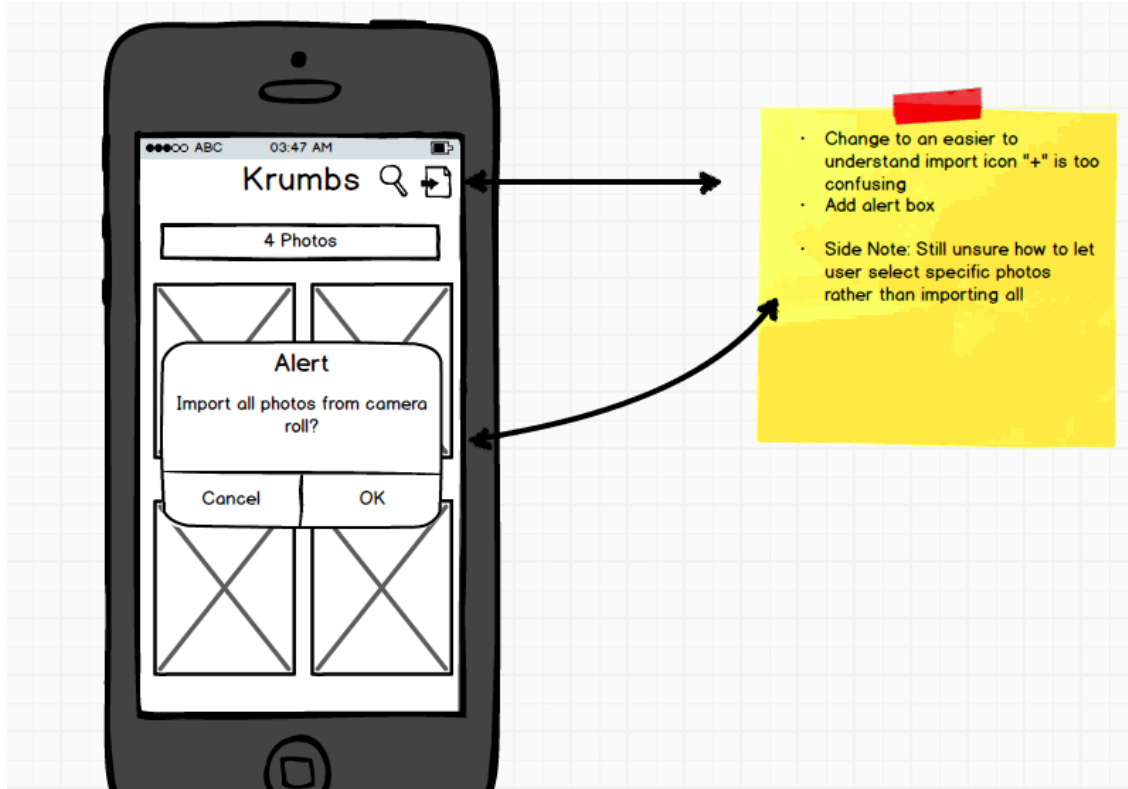
# Feedback from Users

1. “In the beginning show a demo or a tutorial”...“Have the tutorial or guide on how to use the app”...“I would like a camera icon to use for capturing a photo rather than an emoticon” - Various Students
2. “I didn’t like how all pictures were uploaded automatically, I want to be able to pick images from the camera roll” - Student
3. “I can use this instead of Whatsapp. Sharing entire experience is perfect.” - Deepak, college student at Hislop College in India.
4. “This brings life to my photos.” - VP Engineering (didn’t want to disclose name) at a startup.
5. “Emoji’s as capturing route is brilliant” - VP Product (didn’t want to disclose name)
6. “Creating a web from my growing camera roll is nice, I should get more choice in the matter though.” - Swati, mother of 2 children.
7. “Adding audio to photos is sweet! This can be used for many things.” - Travis, physical trainer and CEO of Marketing Solutions company.
8. “I can see this app replacing my regular camera.” - Christopher, senior student at UCI

# Ways We Gathered Feedback

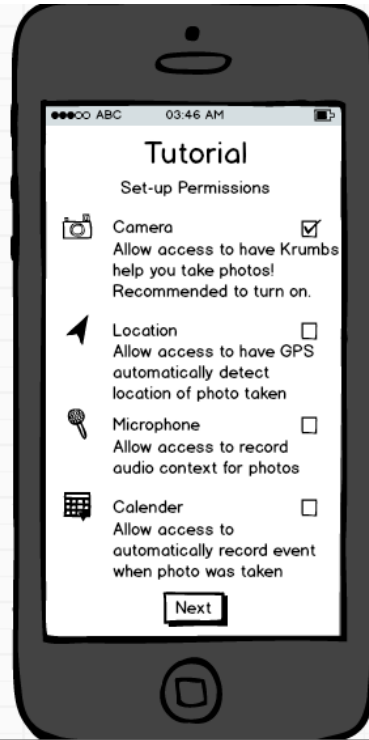
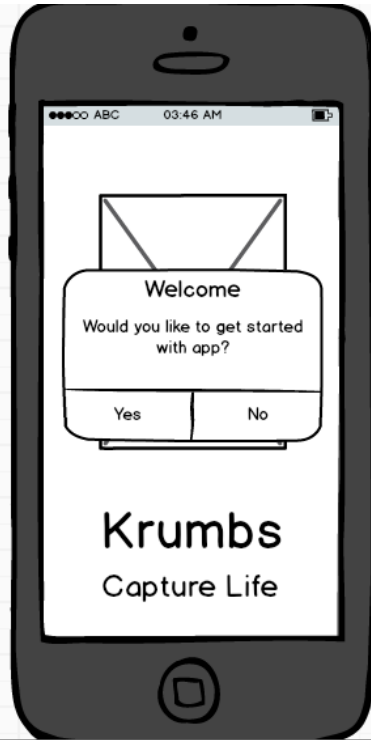
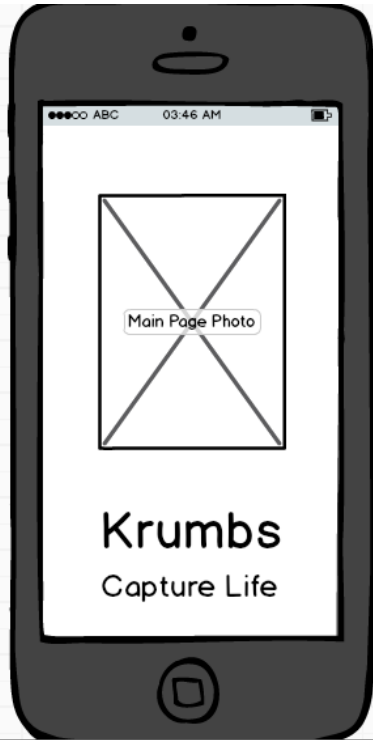
1. WhatsApp Conversations “Krumbs Feedback Group”
2. Google Hangouts/ Skype
3. Slack Groups
4. Survey
5. Interview

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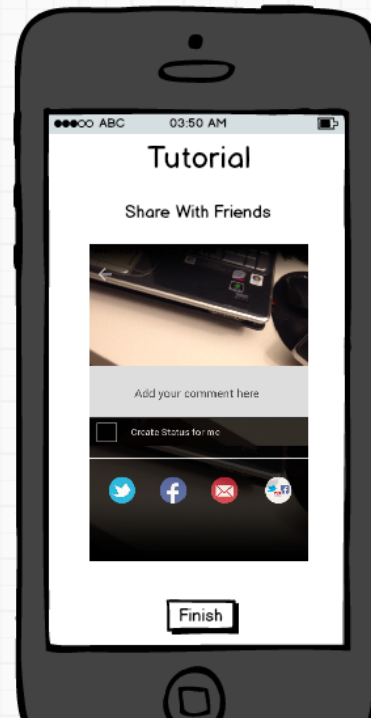
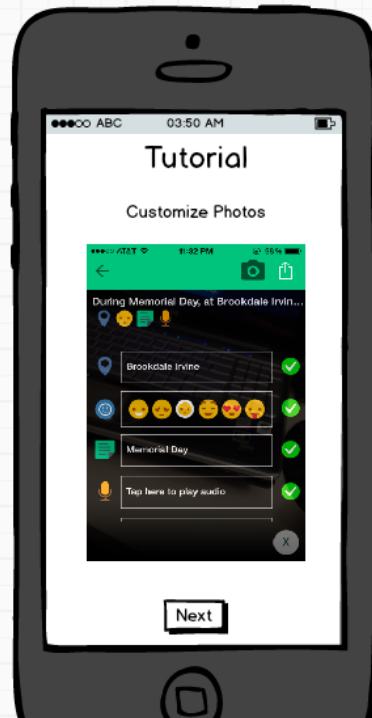
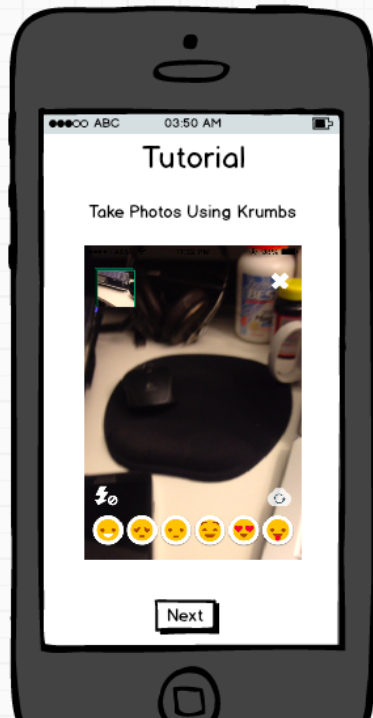
Initial setup page for new users.

Selecting no will bring users straight to camera function, otherwise will bring them to tutorial.

Camera should be automatically set since app will be pretty useless if it cant take photos

- Side note: can you force users to have access to functions?

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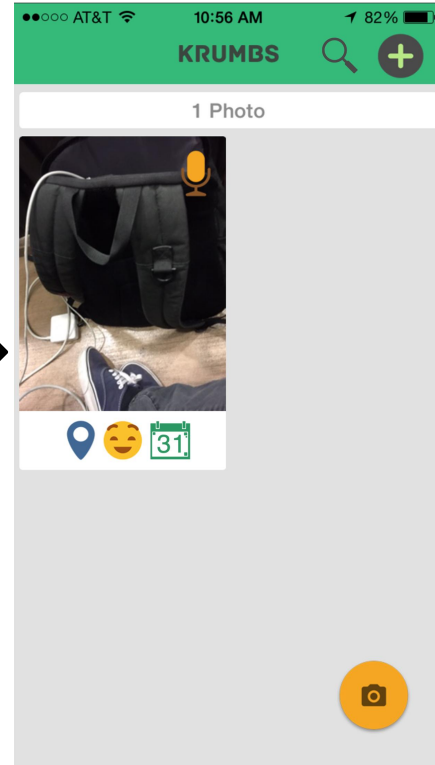
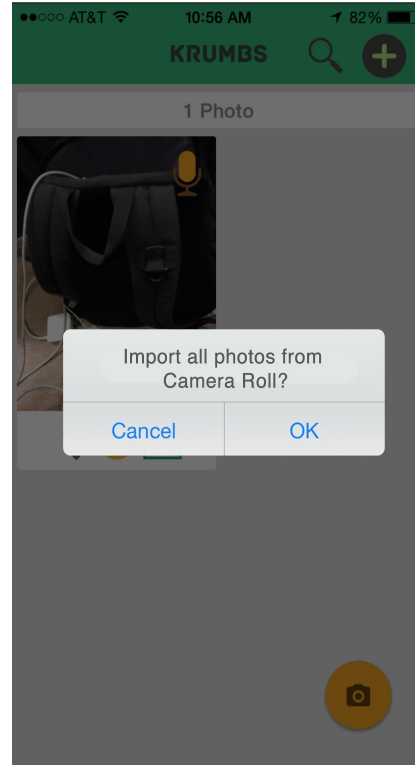
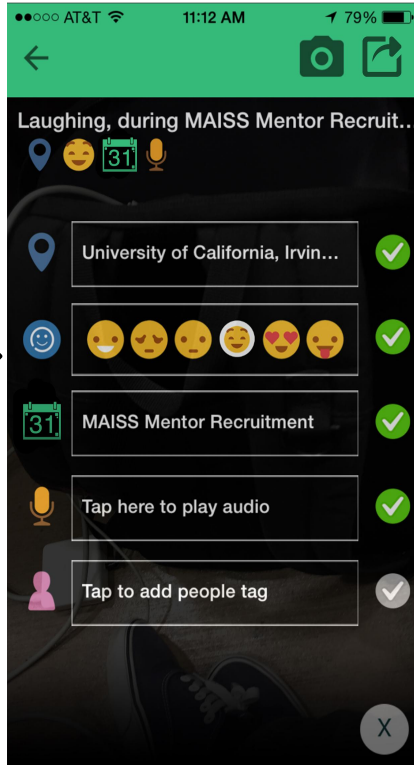
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Steps Highlighting main features of photo app using screenshots

Step 1: Show users taking photo, should be easier with an actual shutter icon

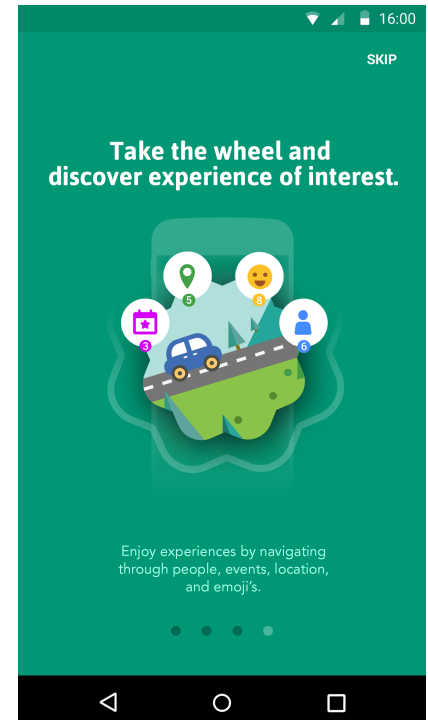
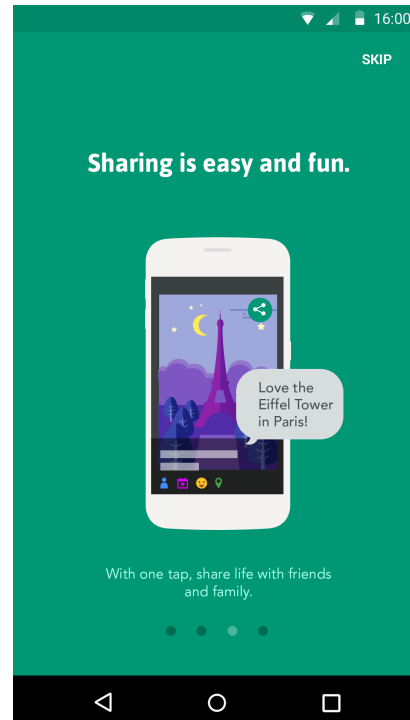
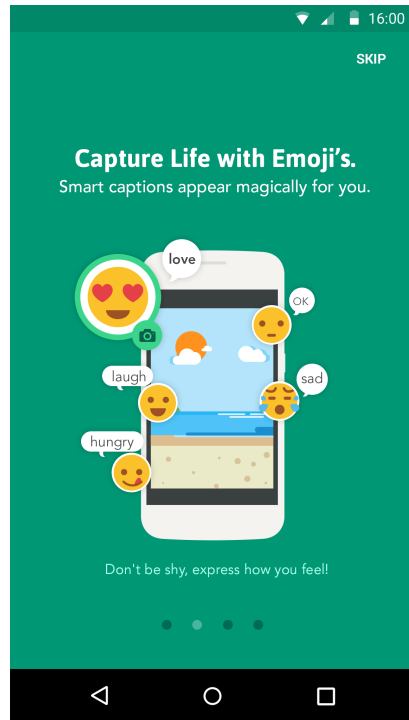
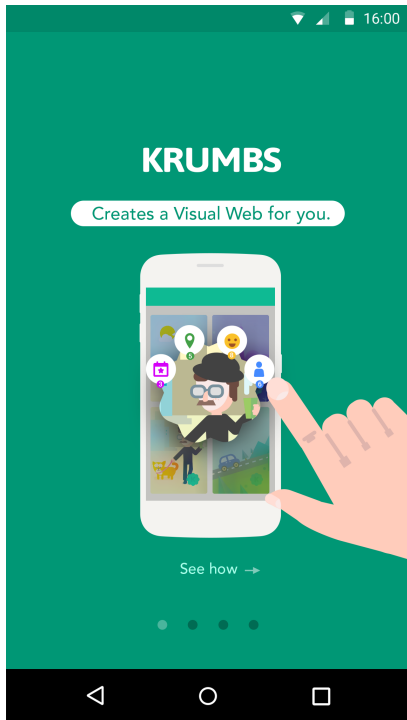
Step 2: Context Screen shows up RIGHT AFTER taking photo (IMPORTANT: might be good or bad depending if user wants to take multiple photos)

Step 3: Sharing may show up after adding context?

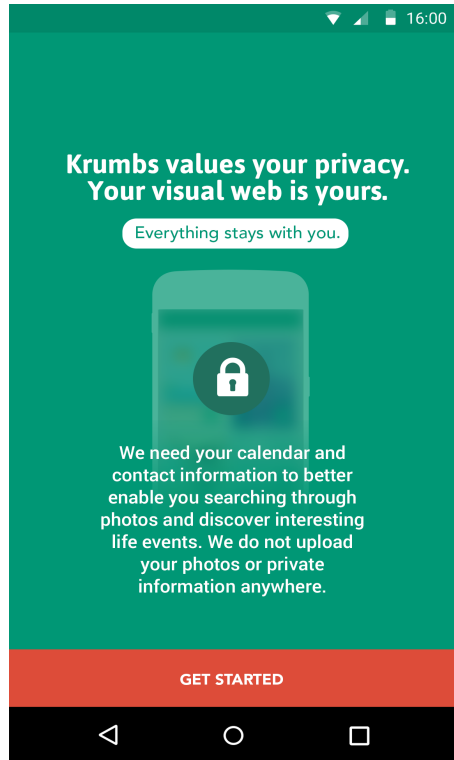
# Rapid Prototype Redesigns



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# Insights Gained

- High need for tutorials even though there are many mobile apps in the market
- Important to have well-prepared interviews
- Users had similar feedback to give on the app regarding:
  - tutorials
  - improving the import of the camera roll
- Realized culture differences after talking with Neil about feedback from international users
  - Asian countries are used to using the Emoji's/Emoticons to capture photos and prefer it
- The feedback we received from our primary users were similar to the users that Krumbs were testing with internationally
  - Both wanted a tutorial of some sort & selection of photos being imported, as well as a prompt for it

# Difficulties Encountered

- Scheduling (meetings and interviews)
- During user test, users get lost and keeps asking for help from us
- Different OS's had different updates
  - Some functionality was available on Android, while not available on iOS

# Decisions to be made

## What's Next?

- User testing for redesigns
  - gain feedback
- Present feedback
- Write final report



# Final Timeline

<b>6/3 - 6/5</b>	Finish user tests for redesigns	Jacob, Adam, Francis
<b>6/3 - 6/6</b>	Finalize user study materials and prep for submission	Jacob, Adam, Francis
<b>6/3 - 6/6</b>	Write final report	John and Ryan
<b>6/6 - 6/9</b>	Study for finals	Everyone