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## Making Choices

A. Which would you choose from the following? Circle your choice. Then write a sentence for each item with your reasons.

*Answers will vary.*

1. To live in a cold place or a hot place?
2. To see a horror film or an adventure film?
3. To go out with an attractive person or an intelligent person?
4. To meet an actor or a politician?
5. To play the guitar or the drums?



1. *I'd rather live in a cold place because I can't stand too much heat. I can't sleep well at night in the heat. I also don't like the bugs that come out in hot weather.*

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Write questions for these answers.

1. Would *you rather live in the suburbs or in downtown* ?

I'd rather live in the suburbs. I hate living downtown.

2. *Would you rather go on a cruise in the Caribbean or visit Paris* ?

I'd rather go on a cruise in the Caribbean, but I would love to visit Paris sometime.

3. *Would you rather eat at home or in a restaurant* ?

I'd rather eat at home. I don't really like eating in restaurants.

4. *Would you rather play the guitar or the violin* ?

I'd rather play the electric guitar. A violin is just too boring.

**C.** Match the wishes with the statements that might follow them.

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| 1. <u>  f  </u> I wish I were older.              | a. I would like to send them a postcard.  |
| 2. <u>  b  </u> I wish I didn't have to work now. | b. I'm going to miss my favorite program. |
| 3. <u>  a  </u> I wish I knew their address.      | c. I need more money to pay my bills.     |
| 4. <u>  g  </u> I wish my parents understood me.  | d. You never help me with the chores.     |
| 5. <u>  h  </u> I wish I could sing better.       | e. I could have my own apartment.         |
| 6. <u>  d  </u> I wish you weren't so lazy.       | f. I'd like to be in the school play.     |
| 7. <u>  e  </u> I wish we had a big yard.         | g. They never listen to anything I say.   |
| 8. <u>  c  </u> I wish I had a better job.        | h. I'm not feeling very well today.       |

**D.** What do you think the people wish? Write sentences for the pictures. *Answers will vary.*



1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E. Complete the sentences using the adjectives in the box. Circle the adjectives as you use them.

amazing / amazed	embarrassed / embarrassing	interested / interesting
confused / confusing	excited / exciting	satisfied / satisfying
depressed / depressing	exhausted / exhausting	worried / worrying
disgusted / disgusting		

1. I need to go to bed. I feel absolutely exhausted .
2. Your behavior in front of my guests was embarrassing .  
You should be ashamed of yourself for arguing in front of them.
3. She has been very depressed since her boyfriend left her.
4. I think I failed the exam. The questions were very confusing .
5. These books on gardening are very interesting . I want to learn more about growing flowers.
6. They had a great time on their vacation! Everything they did sounds fun and exciting .
7. This food is really disgusting . I can't eat it!
8. We saw a fantastic film about the dinosaurs. The special effects were amazing .
9. We were very worried about you. It was past ten o'clock, and you hadn't called us.
10. The teacher was very satisfied with my project, and I got a good grade.



F. Write sentences using five of the adjectives you did not circle in Exercise E. *Answers will vary.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

- G. Complete the article. Use the correct form of the words in parentheses.



Would you rather go (go) straight to college after high school or take (take) a year off? That's a choice that many students have.

Taking a year off between high school and college is called a gap year. The point of a gap year is for young people to do volunteer work, usually in other countries. It is a period of time in which students can learn more about themselves, often while helping others. The kinds of tasks that students do include building schools or houses for the poor, helping on a local community project, working in wildlife conservation programs, and even doing scientific research in other environments. Some programs call for a fee, while others provide the students with a small payment for their work, or at least provide free room and board.

Many students who do volunteer work report having a satisfying (satisfy) experience. They say it has helped them build their people skills, become more mature and independent, and even decide on their future career. The volunteer workers also say the work was often exhausting (exhaust) but ultimately rewarding (reward). It was also an opportunity to meet interesting (interest) people from around the world and expand their horizon.

The gap year has been a tradition in England. Even Princes William and Harry took a gap year (William taught children in Chile, and Harry traveled to Africa and did a documentary on orphans in Lesotho).

However, other countries discourage it because it interrupts studies. Taking a gap year is currently becoming more popular in the United States. There are even gap year fairs, where students can get information about gap year programs. So, are you interested (interest) in doing a gap year?

- H. Answer the questions.

1. What is a gap year? \_\_\_\_\_  
*A year off between high school and college.*
2. What kinds of activities do students do on their gap year? \_\_\_\_\_  
*They build schools or houses for the poor, help on local community projects, work in wildlife conservation programs and even do scientific research.*
3. Do you think that a gap year is a good idea? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Answers will vary.*

## I. Writing Corner

Which of the gap year activities mentioned in the article above interests you? Why?

*Answers will vary.*

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