

1 Complete the text with *a*, *an*, *the* or *Ø* (zero article).

Taking a year out between school and university?

Taking ¹a year out between school and going to ²the university is something you have to think about very carefully. There are many ways of spending your gap year, anywhere in ³the world. You could teach in ⁴a classroom in ⁵a small village in ⁶the middle of ⁷an Africa or become involved in environmental work in ⁸the Brazilian rainforest. Whatever it is, it will be something totally new. It may even be ⁹the first time you have ever left home. You may decide to work with ¹⁰the sick people or others whose lives are very different to your own. You will make ¹¹a real difference to their lives, and you should learn a lot about yourself at the same time.