

Multiple Choice.

I am honored (1)____ with you today (2)____ your commencement from one of (3)____ universities in the world. I never graduated (4)____ college.

The first story is about (5)____ the dots. I dropped (6)____ of Reed College after the first (7)____, but then stayed (8)____ as drop-in for another 18 months or so before I really quit.

It started before I was born. My (9)____ mother was a young, unwed college (10)____ student, and she decided to (11)____ adoption. She felt very (12)____ that I (13)____ by college graduates, so everything was (14)____ for me to be adopted (15)____ by a lawyer and his wife.

Except that when I popped out they decided (16)____ minute that they really wanted a girl.

(17)____ my parents, who were on a (18)____ list, got a call (19)____ the night asking: "We have an unexpected baby boy; do you want him?" They said: "Of course."

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| 1 | A being | B to be | C having been | D to have been |
| 2 | A on | B with | C at | D in |
| 3 | A finest | B the most fine | C finer | D the finest |
| 4 | A out of | B from | C after | D before |
| 5 | A keeping | B taking | C gluing | D connecting |
| 6 | A out | B off | C out of | D away |
| 7 | A 6 months | B 6-month | C 6 month's | D 6 months' |
| 8 | A near | B around | C at | D on |
| 9 | A native | B physical | C natural | D biological |
| 10 | A graduating | B graduated | C graduate | D graduative |
| 11 | A put me for | B take me for | C put me up for | D keep me up for |
| 12 | A strongly | B strong | C stronger | D stronging |
| 13 | A should be adopt | B should have adopt | C should adopt | D should be adopted |
| 14 | A all set | B all ready | C whole set | D in order |
| 15 | A in birth | B during birth | C by birth | D at birth |
| 16 | A at the last | B at last | C in the last | D at the latest |
| 17 | A So | B Although | C Despite | D While |
| 18 | A wait | B waited | C waiting | D waitingly |
| 19 | A by the middle of | B on the middle of | C at the middle of | D in the middle of |

My biological mother (20) _____ found (21) _____ that my mother (22) _____ from college and that my father had never graduated from high school. She refused (23) _____ the final adoption papers. She only relented (24) _____ months later when my parents promised that I (25) _____ someday go to college.

And (26) _____ later I (27) _____ go to college. But I naively chose a college that was almost (28) _____ expensive as Stanford, and all of my (29) _____ savings were being spent on my college (30) _____. After six months, I couldn't see the value in it. I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life and no idea how college was going to help me (31) _____. And here I was spending all of the money my parents (32) _____ their entire life. So I decided to drop out and trust that it would all (33) _____ OK. It was pretty scary at the time, but looking back it was one of the (34) _____ decisions I ever made. The minute I dropped out I could stop (35) _____ the required classes that didn't interest me, and begin dropping in on the ones that looked interesting.

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| 20 | A latter | B lately | C late | D later |
| 21 | A out | B in | C it | D after |
| 22 | A have never graduated | B never had graduated | C had never graduated | D never graduated |
| 23 | A signing | B to sign | C to be signed | D being signed |
| 24 | A a few | B much | C little | D few |
| 25 | A will | B would | C would have | D will have |
| 26 | A 17 years | B 17-years | C 17 years' | D 17 year's |
| 27 | A do | B have | C was | D did |
| 28 | A much | B so | C as | D such |
| 29 | A parents | B parents' | C parent's | D 17 parents's |
| 30 | A studying | B education | C study | D tuition |
| 31 | A find it out | B figure it out | C make it out | D keep it out |
| 32 | A had saved | B saved | C has saved | D have saved |
| 33 | A success | B work out | C make success | D work on |
| 34 | A better | B gooder | C best | D good |
| 35 | A to have taken | B to take | C taking | D being taken |