workbook 7

Home or away?

A Answer these questions. Then read the passage.

1. Read the title below. What do you think a "boomerang kid" is?

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2. Are you going to live at home when you leave school? Why or why not?

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BOOMERANG KIDS

Today in the United States, many young adults are returning home to live after they graduate from college. They are being called "boomerang kids," like the Australian hunting stick that comes back after you throw it. Many college graduates can't find the jobs they want right away. Some also have college loans to pay back. They don't have enough money to rent expensive apartments, so they go back home to live with their parents. While they live at home, they are working at jobs with low pay and trying to save money for the future.

Meanwhile, the parents of boomerang kids are feeling the challenges of having their adult children back home. Most understand the problems their kids are having with money and accept that they're living with them again. But their relationships are different now. Some parents expect their kids to keep following their rules and to help around the house. Young adults, on the other hand, want to be independent and to make their own decisions. This creates tension between parents and kids. These boomerangs go out as kids, but they come back as adults.

B Check (✓) True or False. For statements that are false, write the correct information.

Young Adults	True	False
1. "Boomerang kids" are college graduates who don't want to live at home. _____		
2. Many college graduates are having a difficult time finding a good job. _____		
3. College graduates who live at home can't save money for the future. _____		

Parents	True	False
4. Parents are seeing that it can be difficult to have their "boomerang kids" live at home again. _____		
5. Parents want to do everything for their kids like they did when they were younger. _____		
6. Parents and kids mostly agree about the rules and expectations of the house. _____		

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