

UNIT 9: CHOOSING A CAREER

Activity 1. Read the following passage and choose the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Tom has just finished his A levels and he has got a place at university, (1)_____ he would really like a break from the academic world. Like many young people today he's thinking about taking a year out first, or as people often say, spending a year at 'the university of life'.

There are lots of things (2)_____ Tom can choose from. He could work in a bank or do community work. He might even do something adventurous, such as joining a(n) (3)_____ to a rainforest. The experience will broaden his horizons and teach him new skills. It may also give him the chance to earn some money, which will be very helpful when he (4)_____ starts his studies.

Before Tom decides to take a gap year, he must make sure that the university will hold his place for him till the following year. Most are quite happy to do this, as they find that year-out students are more mature, confident, and independent. But (5)_____ student should know that it is a year out, not a year off. His university will want to know what he is going to do. They will not be very pleased if he just wants to do nothing for a year.

Question 1: A. so B. but C. however D. because

Question 2: A. which B. who C. whom D. whose

Question 3: A. journey B. excursion C. pilgrimage D. expedition

Question 4: A. initially B. originally C. eventually D. ultimately

Question 5: A. each B. other C. another D. others

Activity 2: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. Helen usually _____ her childhood with great pleasure.
A. talks back to B. thinks back on C. turns back to D. falls back on
2. One member of the project group _____ the boss and was fired immediately.
A. came up against B. came up with C. talked back to D. put up with
3. The government is trying not to _____ the money they are spending on vocational training.
A. drop out of B. drop in on C. go on with D. cut down on
4. My grandparents often _____ us without warning.
A. drop in on B. keep up with C. drop out of D. catch up with
5. Linda was about to take a part-time job, but she decided to _____ her studies instead.
A. keep up with B. go on with C. get on with D. drop out of
6. Many students _____ school to set up their own businesses and become self-employed.
A. move out of B. cut down on C. drop out of D. drop in on
7. I'm searching for websites offering career advice so that I can _____ a plan.
A. come up against B. come up with C. draw up with D. come across with
8. I'm so _____ under with work at the moment - it's awful.
A. iced B. rained C. snowed D. fogged
9. The company's announced it's _____ off over 1,000 workers.
A. leaving B. laying C. setting D. giving
10. They're planning to _____ down their operation in Greece and concentrate on Eastern Europe.
A. wind B. tie C. roll D. stretch