

Task 4. Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (17 - 22). There are two choices you do not need to use.

Studying abroad

Have you always dreamed of traveling, meeting lots of different people, and maybe picking up a language or two? No matter (17) _____, you can fly over the world's highest waterfalls in Venezuela, learn world trade in Japan, study in France, or take dancing lessons in Ghana.

How? You could join a study program abroad, (18) _____ with a host family in a foreign country. Semester, summer, and year-long programs allow you to attend school, take

intensive language courses, or perform community service in another country. Read on to learn more about study abroad programs.

One of the reasons for studying abroad is (19) _____. Christina studied in Caracas, Venezuela, a city of ten million people and a huge change from her hometown of 35,000! Christina says she learned how to be better at standing up for herself and her beliefs, and to express herself in another language.

Although many academic programs abroad have academic requirements, you do not necessarily have to have the highest grades or marks to be eligible and (20) _____. Study programs abroad look for students who are independent, self-assured, enjoy having new experiences and meeting different types of people, and can handle challenges.

If you really hate change and don't like the idea of figuring things out all on your own, then studying abroad may not be for you. It's important to be honest with yourself and really think about what you expect. You could end up having a miserable time if you don't! Of course, (21) _____, then studying abroad may be an ideal way to take the plunge.

Are you convinced that a year abroad is for you, but you're worried that your parents will never go for it? Use some of the points of view (22) _____ to explain why you want to study overseas. Explain that studying abroad is a chance of a lifetime and that it offers great academic opportunities.

- A what country you live in
- B that you'll become more self-assured
- C where high-school and college students live
- D if you want to change those things about yourself and don't mind tackling them head on
- E that sold you on the idea
- F and most do not have language requirements
- G what people might say
- H dancing all nights at local clubs