

## ENGLISH 12 – UNIT 9: CHOOSING A CAREER – READING – ACTIVITY 4

In the UK, there are some websites that provide school students with practical advice about leaving school and taking the next step in their careers. The following are some examples:

### 1. For those about to start a job

If students are about to start a job, career advisers have useful information that may help them make the transition into the working world smoother. They should get used to taking responsibility if something goes wrong in their job. By taking responsibility, they will have the opportunity to learn how to put things right and they can avoid making the same mistakes in the future.

### 2. For those going to be apprentices

In general, apprentices are assigned to a senior member of staff to spend some time shadowing them and getting to grips with the basics of the job. If apprentices are given the opportunity to get involved early on, they should take it, as this will help them learn faster and improve their confidence. The best thing for apprentices is that they have the opportunity to earn while they learn, and most apprentices are required to attend college for part of the time.

### 3. For those going to university

Moving straight to tertiary education from secondary school is considered a big jump. However, many students take to university life like a duck to water. Normally, the first week at university is a bit confusing, even a little stressful, but it does not take long to get used to university life. During the first week, students have their timetables and other paperwork sorted. After that they can relax and take in the campus atmosphere.

### 4. For those who have no plans

When students do not know what they want to do after leaving school, they could consider some other options, which the advisers can offer. They can find a temporary job, or take a gap year and go travelling; they may work somewhere abroad, or speak to career advisers who can help them come up with a plan. If none of these options are successful, students should go back to school. They can still be accepted on to A level courses if they have GCSEs.

### **Question 1: What is the passage mainly about?**

- A. Advice for students leaving school and take the next step in the career.
- B. Advice for those having no plan
- C. Advice for those ready to get a job
- D. Advice for apprentices

### **Question 2: What is TRUE for those about to start a job?**

- A. spend some time shadowing them and getting to grips with the basics of the job
- B. have their timetables and other paperwork sorted
- C. take a gap year and go travelling
- D. take responsibility if something goes wrong in their job

**Question 3: For apprentices, what is the best thing?**

- A. spend some time shadowing their senior staff.
- B. getting to grips with the basics of the job.
- C. Take the opportunity to get involved early on.
- D. have the opportunity to earn while they learn

**Question 4. What should students do in the first week of university?**

- A. enjoy university life
- B. have their timetables and paperwork sorted.
- C. Make friends and relax
- D. Find way to reduce stress

**Question 5: Having no plans after leaving school, students are advised to do these following EXCEPT**

- A. Find a temporary job
- B. Take a year out
- C. Go back school
- D. Spend time with friends