decisions

1 A **Match the sentence halves.**

1 I can't make up my
2 Let's select the
3 None of this article makes
4 When I bought my car, I don't think I made
5 Think about the advantages
6 Before we decided which flat to rent, we considered

a the right choice. It's too big for me.
b food for the wedding.
c and disadvantages before you decide what to do.
d mind about where to go tonight.
e all the options available to us.
f sense to me.

B **Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.**

1 Why did you **choose** / **consider** / **focus** to get the red coat and not the blue one?
2 You should **consider** / **focus** / **select** the advantages and disadvantages of each college before you decide on the best one.
3 This book doesn't **allow** / **make** / **think** sense to me.
4 Let's **consider** / **focus** / **select** on the most difficult exercises first and then end with the easy ones.
5 Hurry up and make up your **choice** / **mind** / **advantage** before it's too late!
6 I need to make a **decision** / **disadvantage** / **sense** before the end of the day.

2 **Complete the blog post with the words in the box.**

advantages	choices	chose	decision
disadvantage	focus	made sense	make up

Last year, I had to make the biggest [1] _____ of my life so far – whether to go to a local university, or one far from home. It was hard, because neither of the [2] _____ were perfect. Each one had a few different [3] _____, but also one big [4] _____. Moving away from home meant more freedom, but it also meant higher costs. Staying at home meant lower costs, but less freedom. I made a list of all of these things, but I couldn't [5] _____ my mind about where to go. My parents suggested that I [6] _____ on the good and bad things about each course, so I did. I realised that one course was better than the other and it [7] _____ to go to the university that offered that course. So, I [8] _____ the one that was 200 kilometres away. I've been here a year now and so far, so good!

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5 **Read the text. Select a word to fill the gap.**

All business students are required to _____ a topic and inform their tutor of their decision before they begin their end-of-year projects.

a select
b request
c focus

6A **Read the title of the blog post and the paragraph headings. What is the blog post about?**

a four everyday choices we make in our lives
b four positive decisions made by different people
c four similar decisions that different people made

B **Read the blog post. Match the summaries (1–4) with the paragraphs (A–D).**

1 This person believed they had to stop doing an activity, but after seeing other people doing it, the person realised it was possible to start again. This decision made the person's life very different.
2 This person gave up something so they could do something else. After the person became successful, they felt it was the right choice.
3 This person made a decision for them and another person. The other person didn't like it, but it was the correct decision for both of them.
4 This person got their wish, but it wasn't easy at first. However, after some time, the person was able to enjoy this experience.

C **Complete the sentences with one word from the blog post in each gap.**

1 André's friends believed he was _____ to own a business as a teenager.
2 André needed extra _____ when a lot of people saw his social media page.
3 Maria describes her ability to find friends at first as _____.
4 In the end, Maria made friends with some _____ who had similar feelings to her.
5 Josh first met his closest friend at _____.
6 Josh's friend felt _____ about Josh's decision at first.
7 Amelia thought she had to give up _____ after her accident.
8 Amelia changed her view after she saw people doing an activity at the _____.



The best decision you have ever made

We asked you to share your experiences. Here are a selection.

A **André: Starting a company young**

My friends thought I was crazy when I opened an online shop at the age of fourteen. They didn't understand why I wanted to work on my business and didn't always want to go out with them. What they didn't realise (and neither did I) is that my small business became my career a few years later. It all began when I got into model making and decided to sell what I made. When my online video channel got a lot of interest, I had to employ two staff. It's been hard work, but I'm happy with the result.

B **Maria: Studying abroad**

Studying at a university on the other side of the world was a dream for me. I really wanted to explore the world. Of course, it wasn't easy at first. The college system was different to back home. It was hard to make friends when I didn't speak the local language so well, and I missed my family A LOT. But after a while, I met other international students who felt the same as me. We became close and had some amazing experiences together. By the end of the first year, I knew I'd made the right decision.

C **Josh: Ending a close friendship**

I was really close to my best friend for twenty years. We'd met in primary school, and spent most of secondary school together. He was like a brother. Unfortunately, things changed when I got married and had a child, and I stopped spending so much time with him. He made me feel really awful about it. I decided to tell him to find new friends. He was angry at first, but it worked out better for both of us in the end.

D **Amelia: Giving a sport a chance**

I played a lot of team sports at school. Then, when I was in in my final year, I had an accident and ended up in a wheelchair. I thought my sports days were over. But one day, I was passing the university gym and I heard a lot of noise. I looked in and saw people like me playing basketball. They were really playing hard. When they asked me if I wanted to [illegible]

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