Antonio's blog

June 12th

Antonio

Hi, everyone! I'm taking my final exams in high school next week, but I'm not feeling very confident! If I don't get the grades I'm hoping for, I'll rethink my plans. I may take some time off and do some volunteer work, or I might go traveling … or I may try to take the exams again. What about you? What are your plans for the next few years?

REPLY

Lia

I'm in the middle of my final exams. I want to be a lawyer and I've applied for law school. I know it's going to be difficult, but I feel like my exams have gone well so far—I've done three already. But it's hard to say for sure until I get all my grades! If my grades aren't good enough, I'll definitely take my exams again, even if I have to repeat the year.

Dev

I'm taking a year off at the moment, before I start university. First I went traveling for three months and now I'm doing volunteer work in the north of Canada. I've met some great people, but I'll have to say goodbye to them soon because I'm starting at the University of Toronto in October. I was really happy when I got the grades that I needed last year. And I'm excited about moving to Toronto!

Mercedes

My dream is to work with animals, so I've applied to do an apprenticeship at the local veterinary clinic. If they accept me, I'll start this summer. I enjoy school, but I'm ready to start working and earning my own money. I'll live at home with my parents at first, but if it goes well, I hope I'll be able to leave home in a few years and get my own place.

Reading

1 Read the blog. Complete the chart for each person. Write ✓ (yes), ✗ (no), or ? (doesn't say or not sure).

	Antonio	Lia	Dev	Mercedes
Study next year	?			
Live at home next year				

2 Read the blog again. Answer the questions. Write *A* (Antonio), *L* (Lia), *D* (Dev), or *M* (Mercedes).

Who finished their school exams last year? D

1 Who is taking exams at the moment? ____

2 Who has already achieved good exam grades at school? ____

3 Who doesn't feel prepared for their exams? ____

4 Who wants to do something totally different next year? ____

5 Who is intending to move to a new place soon? ____

6 Who might be in high school next year? ____

Writing

3 Imagine you are leaving high school soon. Write your own response to Antonio's blog. Think about the questions below. Remember to plan your response before you write it.

- What do you want to do in the first year after high school?
- Where will you live?
- Do you have a "plan B", if your plan doesn't work out?
- How do you imagine your life will be different in a few years?

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