

Lesson 1



Read

8. Read a teenager's blog post. Do you ever feel the same?

My future



A few years ago when I was in 8th grade, I worried a lot about my future. Every day, I thought 'What am I going to do when I leave school?'. I didn't feel excited about the future - I just

felt very scared. One reason was that at that time I found school difficult. I usually studied hard and listened in class (well, I thought so), but my teachers never seemed to be very happy with my work - or with me. When I think back to those times now, I remember that sometimes I didn't concentrate very well and I also handed in work too late. This went on for most of the year, but then near the end

of the year something happened. I suddenly knew what my dream job was. I love animals and I decided that I wanted to become a vet! To do that I had to go to a good university. And to go to a good university, I had to get good marks and do well in my exams.

From 9th grade onwards, I worked very hard every day in class. I studied for hours at home and my parents even told me to work less! At the end of that year, I won a prize for my good marks. My family were so proud of me and I felt great. But then, I started to worry again. I thought 'What will happen if I don't get good results next year?' and 'If I didn't go to university, what would I do?'. Everyone told me that I just had to do my best and to stop worrying. So that's exactly what I did!

I often think back to 8th grade when I was so scared. Now I feel much more confident and I'm looking forward to the future!

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1. Match phrases a-d with the phrases 1- 4.

- a. do things as well as I could
- b. feeling happy about something in the future
- c. gave my homework to teachers
- d. continued

- 1. do my Best
- 2. handed in
- 3. went on
- 4. looking forward to the future

2. Read the text again. Write T (true) or F (false).

- a. Anna never worried about the future. _____
- b. She didn't always work hard in 8th grade. _____
- c. She won a prize for her school work in 8th grade. _____
- d. She studied harder in 9th grade than 8th grade. _____
- e. Her family felt happy for her in 9th grade. _____
- f. She isn't very confident now. _____

3. Match the meaning with the synonym.

Word	Synonym
When	nervous
Worried	Consider
Excited	give the impression
Scared	Aspiration
Onward	Terrified
Think (thought)	Pleased with your work
Seem	close
Near	At any time
Dream	enthusiastic
Proud	Moving on

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