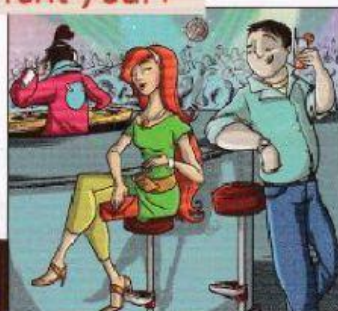


9.4 What are you going to do next year?

8 Vocabulary: Life Changes

A 9.8 Listen to Mr. James and complete phrases 1-11. Listen again to check. Which six can you see in the pictures?

- 1 leave college _____.
- 2 find a p _____.
- 3 get e _____.
- 4 leave h _____.
- 5 get m _____.
- 6 start a (new) j _____.
- 7 start a f _____.
- 8 get d _____.
- 9 m _____.
- 10 lose a j _____.
- 11 retire (from a j _____).



B Put them in a logical order, 1st-11th. Compare in groups. At what age do people usually do these things in your culture? Do you all agree?

People usually leave college when they're 22 or 23.



9 Reading

A 9.9 Quickly read his son Alex's blog. What eight changes is Alex going to make?

Alex James' Blog

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Well, I had a long talk with Dad the other day and he convinced me, I'm going to make a few changes in my life. And anyway, today is a new year, time for a new start! First, I'm going to exercise more. I ate too much over the holidays! Then I'm going to get a new job soon. I'm a waiter in a restaurant and I hate my boss because he's really mean. He makes me stay late and he keeps my tips! I want to be a web designer, so I'm gonna go back to school and get my bachelor's. I'm going to learn a new language too. I always wanted to speak Chinese.

I'm also going to move out of my mom's house and get an apartment with some friends and I'm going to buy a new car. I'm thirty-two—I think it's time! And I'm going to find a new girlfriend—I'm so lonely! So... "How are you going to do all this?" I hear you ask. Here's my plan:

Well, after lunch, I'm going to exercise with my friend, Carl, and then tonight, I'm having dinner with my mom to tell her I'm leaving home. Next week I'm talking to a career specialist and I'm starting a Chinese class. And... I'm going on a date tomorrow night. Wow! Wish me luck!

What do you think of my plan? How's your New Year going to be?

comment: Hi Alex! I think this is a good plan. But why are you going to learn Chinese? Why don't you learn Spanish or Portuguese?

B Re-read and complete the table. What do you think of Alex's plan? Write a comment to encourage him.

Plan	Reason
1 do more exercise	he ate too much over the holidays
2 get a new job	
3 go back to school	
4 get a new girlfriend	
5 have dinner with mom	

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