

### Multiple Choice.

I am honored (1)\_\_\_ with you today (2)\_\_\_ your commencement from one of (3)\_\_\_ universities in the world. I never graduated (4)\_\_\_ college.

The first story is about (5)\_\_\_ the dots. I dropped (6)\_\_\_ of Reed College after the first (7)\_\_\_, but then stayed (8)\_\_\_ as drop-in for another 18 months or so before I really quit.

It started before I was born. My (9)\_\_\_ mother was a young, unwed college (10)\_\_\_ student, and she decided to (11)\_\_\_ adoption. She felt very (12)\_\_\_ that I (13)\_\_\_ by college graduates, so everything was (14)\_\_\_ for me to be adopted (15)\_\_\_ by a lawyer and his wife.

Except that when I popped out they decided (16)\_\_\_ minute that they really wanted a girl.

(17)\_\_\_ my parents, who were on a (18)\_\_\_ list, got a call (19)\_\_\_ the night asking: "We have an unexpected baby boy; do you want him?" They said: "Of course."

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| 1  | A being            | B to be             | C having been      | D to have been      |
| 2  | A on               | B with              | C at               | D in                |
| 3  | A finest           | B the most fine     | C finer            | D the finest        |
| 4  | A out of           | B from              | C after            | D before            |
| 5  | A keeping          | B taking            | C gluing           | D connecting        |
| 6  | A out              | B off               | C out of           | D away              |
| 7  | A 6 months         | B 6-month           | C 6 month's        | D 6 months'         |
| 8  | A near             | B around            | C at               | D on                |
| 9  | A native           | B physical          | C natural          | D biological        |
| 10 | A graduating       | B graduated         | C graduate         | D graduative        |
| 11 | A put me for       | B take me for       | C put me up for    | D keep me up for    |
| 12 | A strongly         | B strong            | C stronger         | D stronging         |
| 13 | A should be adopt  | B should have adopt | C should adopt     | D should be adopted |
| 14 | A all set          | B all ready         | C whole set        | D in order          |
| 15 | A in birth         | B during birth      | C by birth         | D at birth          |
| 16 | A at the last      | B at last           | C in the last      | D at the latest     |
| 17 | A So               | B Although          | C Despite          | D While             |
| 18 | A wait             | B waited            | C waiting          | D waitingly         |
| 19 | A by the middle of | B on the middle of  | C at the middle of | D in the middle of  |

My biological mother (20) \_\_\_\_\_ found (21) \_\_\_\_\_ that my mother (22) \_\_\_\_\_ from college and that my father had never graduated from high school. She refused (23) \_\_\_\_\_ the final adoption papers. She only relented (24) \_\_\_\_\_ months later when my parents promised that I (25) \_\_\_\_\_ someday go to college.

And (26) \_\_\_\_\_ later I (27) \_\_\_\_\_ go to college. But I naively chose a college that was almost (28) \_\_\_\_\_ expensive as Stanford, and all of my (29) \_\_\_\_\_ savings were being spent on my college (30) \_\_\_\_\_. After six months, I couldn't see the value in it. I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life and no idea how college was going to help me (31) \_\_\_\_\_. And here I was spending all of the money my parents (32) \_\_\_\_\_ their entire life. So I decided to drop out and trust that it would all (33) \_\_\_\_\_ OK. It was pretty scary at the time, but looking back it was one of the (34) \_\_\_\_\_ decisions I ever made. The minute I dropped out I could stop (35) \_\_\_\_\_ the required classes that didn't interest me, and begin dropping in on the ones that looked interesting.

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| 20 | A latter               | B lately              | C late                | D later           |
| 21 | A out                  | B in                  | C it                  | D after           |
| 22 | A have never graduated | B never had graduated | C had never graduated | D never graduated |
| 23 | A signing              | B to sign             | C to be signed        | D being signed    |
| 24 | A a few                | B much                | C little              | D few             |
| 25 | A will                 | B would               | C would have          | D will have       |
| 26 | A 17 years             | B 17-years            | C 17 years'           | D 17 year's       |
| 27 | A do                   | B have                | C was                 | D did             |
| 28 | A much                 | B so                  | C as                  | D such            |
| 29 | A parents              | B parents'            | C parent's            | D 17 parents's    |
| 30 | A studying             | B education           | C study               | D tuition         |
| 31 | A find it out          | B figure it out       | C make it out         | D keep it out     |
| 32 | A had saved            | B saved               | C has saved           | D have saved      |
| 33 | A success              | B work out            | C make success        | D work on         |
| 34 | A better               | B gooder              | C best                | D good            |
| 35 | A to have taken        | B to take             | C taking              | D being taken     |