

TEST UNIT 9

Reading

Becoming a young entrepreneur

Some of the most famous and profitable businesses in the world were set up by students. Bill Gates began Microsoft while he was studying at Harvard University. Mark Zuckerberg started Facebook when he was a student at Harvard University and Sergey Brin and Larry Page started Google when they were students at the University of Stanford.

Starting a business as a young entrepreneur can be an exciting new adventure, and it will be easier than you think. You won't need a business degree or a lot of money from an investor when you set up a business, but you will need to come up with an idea, especially if you don't have business experience, and find out as much information about how to run your business as possible, so that you avoid disappointment.

Here are some tips for young businesspeople.

Do what you love

In your late teens or early twenties your thinking will be fresh and energetic. Don't be afraid to try something new. You won't be successful if you choose something you hate. You should choose a business idea that is connected to your interests, so that you get enjoyment from what you do.

Know what you want

Will you know what to do if your business becomes really successful? Will you leave education or will your business be just a side project? You'll need to make that decision before you become successful.

Manage your time

When you run a business and go to school at the same time, it can be very difficult and stressful, but don't give up. You'll need to have a diary for all your appointments and organize your time wisely.

Use school resources

It can be an advantage being a student in business, because you'll have free computers and the internet, and there'll be people who might help you, too. Make the most out of what is on offer while you are at school.

Find a mentor

A mentor is someone who is experienced and can help you with your business ideas. It will probably be a local business person who will help you understand the risks and challenges of business and discuss your business ideas with you.

Now you'll just have to think of that brilliant business idea!

1 Read the text and circle the correct answers (a–c).

- 1 Bill Gates started _____ while studying at Harvard University.
 - a Facebook
 - b Google
 - c Microsoft
- 2 You will need to _____ out lots of information about how to run a business.
 - a think
 - b find
 - c come
- 3 Working and studying can be very
 - a organized.
 - b disappointing.
 - c stressful.
- 4 You shouldn't _____ on your idea.
 - a look up
 - b come up with
 - c give up
- 5 A local business person can help you understand business and act as your
 - a mentor.
 - b role model.
 - c teacher.

Mark: ____ / 10

Listening

2 🎧 Listen to Beth, Rick and Josh talking about their plans for the future.

Match the speakers with the statements below.

- 1 _____ is going to change his / her hair colour.
- 2 _____ is going to look like a film star.
- 3 _____ is setting up a student travel agency.
- 4 _____ is looking forward to a big family celebration.
- 5 _____ is going to have his / her photo taken with his / her family.

Mark: ____ / 10

3 🎧 Listen again. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Beth is travelling from London for a photo shoot. ____
- 2 Beth's hair is going to be dyed black. ____
- 3 Rick had the idea to start a student travel agency on his own. ____
- 4 Rick will have to borrow some money for his business. ____
- 5 Josh's great-grandfather is having a birthday party. ____

Mark: ____ / 10

Grammar

4 Complete the text with the correct answers (a–c).

The future

What will your future look like? ¹ _____ young people ask themselves this question, particularly when they ² _____ school and decide if they should go to university or find their first job. For ³ _____ young people the attraction of earning money is much ⁴ _____ than the desire to continue with their education. But for many young people, there is another option: taking a gap year.

Some young people don't pass their exams, but despite their ⁵ _____ they don't give up and they find out what opportunities there are for them. Jack Hill is one of them. 'When I found out that I failed my exams, I was really upset, but I didn't give ⁶ _____. I decided to take a year off and become a Youth Red Cross volunteer. I ⁷ _____ part-time at the moment, and I'll probably do this until the end of spring. Then I'm going to travel back home and take my exams again. I think I'll pass this time. It might be easier for me because I know what to expect. I ⁸ _____ university in September. I already know what I want to do when I finish university. I want to set up my own business and continue volunteering for the Red Cross.'

- 1 a Any b Many c The
- 2 a finish b finished c will finish
- 3 a the b some c any
- 4 a stronger b strong c strongest

- 5 a disappointing b disappoint c disappointment
6 a from b on c up
7 a 'm working b 'm going to work c will work
8 a 'm going to start b 'm started c start

Mark: ____ / 8

5 Circle the correct words to complete the text.

What plans do I have for the summer? Well, I ¹**'m going to get / 'll get** a part-time job in my father's shop. I hope I ²**'m going to learn / 'll learn about** how to run a business. I think my father ³**is going to teach / will teach** me quite a lot about business and I think it ⁴**is also going to be / will also be** good experience for me. I ⁵**'m going to start / 'll start** university in September and I ⁶**'m going to live / 'll live** quite far from my home town, so I think it ⁷**'s going to be / will be** nice to spend some time with my father. I ⁸**'m not going to see / won't see** him between September and December. I ⁹**'m going to live / 'll live** in a flat with five other students and I ¹⁰**'m probably not going to be / probably won't be** back until Christmas.

Mark: ____ / 10

Vocabulary

6 Complete the sentences with words for describing people.

1. She is very pale with freckles and she has _____ hair.
2. They all looked _____ after a week's holiday on the beach.
3. Paul is really _____. Everyone looks short when they stand next to him.
4. She eats well and goes to the gym a lot. She's very _____.
5. I don't like my hair straight. I prefer it _____.
6. Tina _____ her hair black. Her natural hair colour is light brown.
7. She's not tall or short. She's _____ height.
8. Does your brother have a moustache or a _____?
9. I can't see very well without my _____.

10. Tim's going _____. He won't have any hair next year!

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7 Complete the sentences with nouns formed from the verbs below.

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- 1 My _____ about the weather was right. It hasn't stopped raining all week.
- 2 There were big _____ across the country for the Royal Wedding.
- 3 The _____ promised to change the law but I don't believe that they will do it.
- 4 The city is preparing for this year's Spring Festival. There will lots of _____ in the town centre all week.
- 5 It was a real _____ for me that I failed my driving test.
- 6 You'll find the all the _____ about train arrivals and departures by the platform.
- 7 There are a lot of _____ parks in the UK where you can go on exciting rides.
- 8 The concert is free, but the musicians are collecting _____ for a local charity.

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