

# UNIT 1

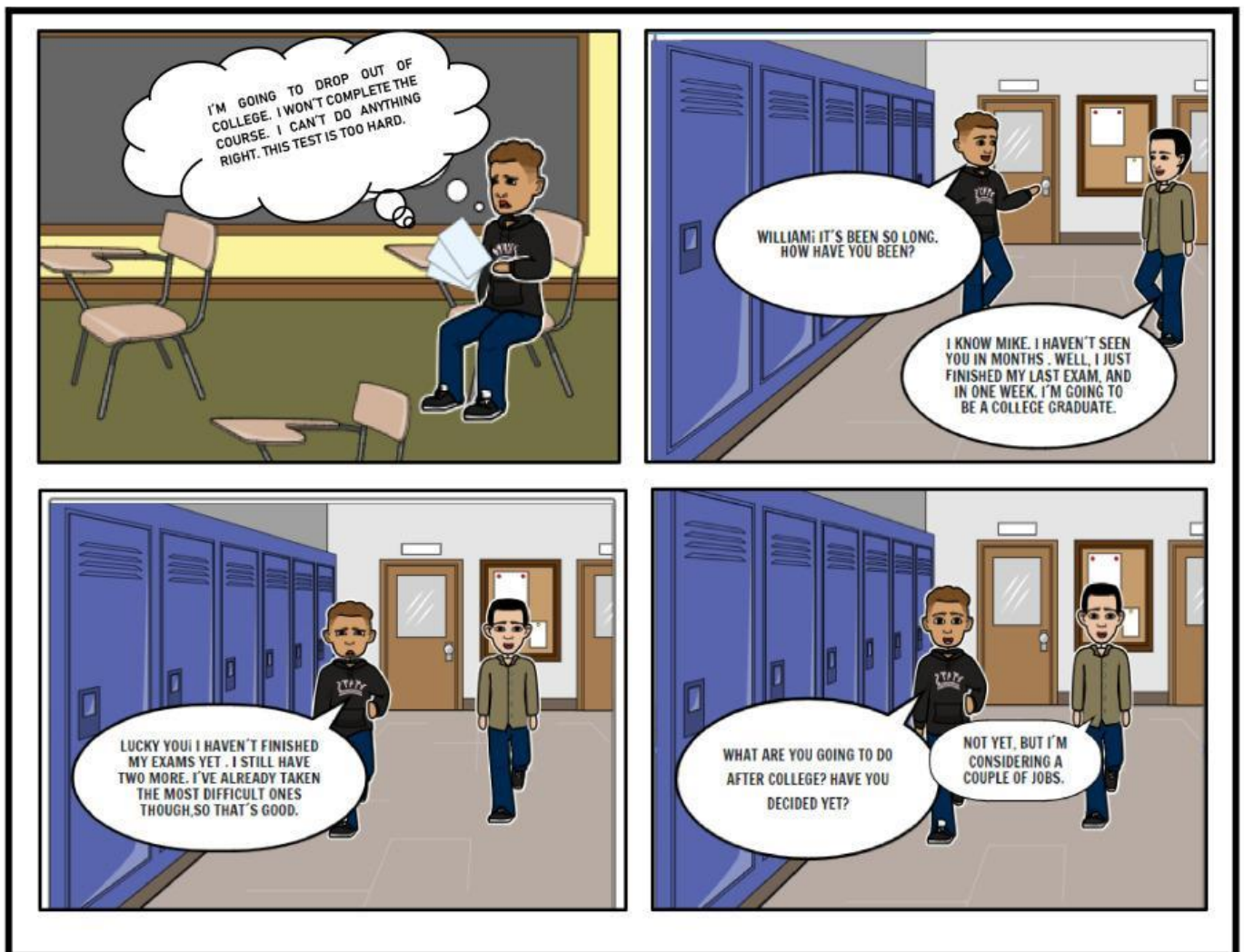
## LIFE EXPERIENCES

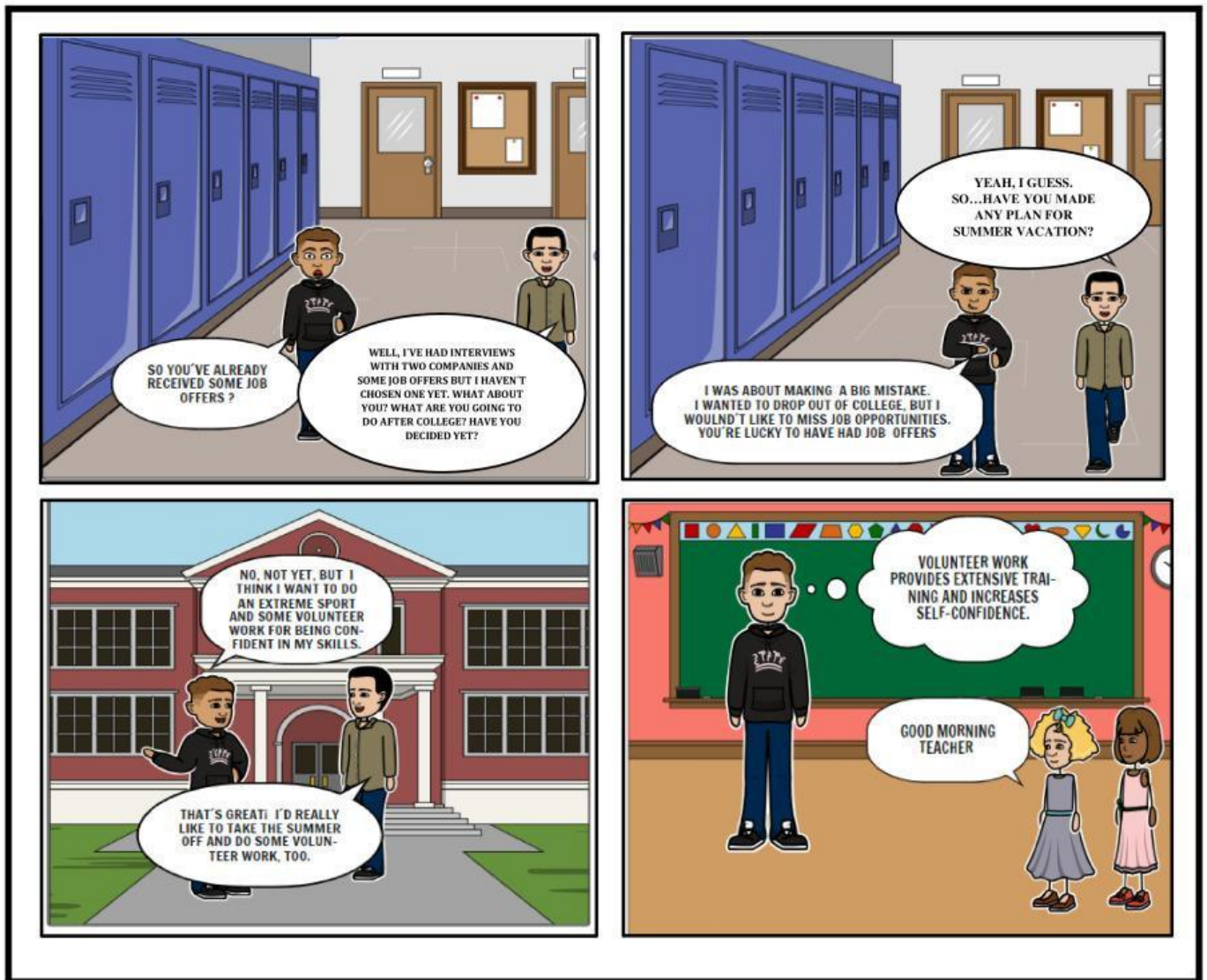
### COMPETENCES

- Skim the main idea in a comic strip
- Scan activities and bad decisions
- Role – play a character to talk about life experiences
- Create a comic strip about your experience as a college or university student

### SECTION 1: READING

#### MIKE'S COLLEGE EXPERIENCE





### SKIMMING

For applying the reading strategy, you need to read the first and the last panel to determine the main idea. In texts, use this strategy reading the first and last paragraph.

1. Which one is the main idea of the comic strip?
  - a) Mike makes mistakes
  - b) Mike breaks negative thoughts
  - c) Mike makes friends
  - d) Mike as a school graduate

## SCANNING

Read the questions with key words. Then, try to locate the answer or the specific piece of information in the comic strip. **BE CAREFUL**; the main purpose of scanning is give you a strategy to find the answer easily and quickly. That is why, you don't need to read every word in the comic strip. Focus on the questions or key words given below.

2. Which of the following is William considering?
  - a) Doing volunteer work
  - b) Getting a job
  - c) Do extreme sport
  - d) Going to interviews
3. According to Mike, making a big mistake could be ...
  - a) Dropping out college
  - b) Taking the most difficult exams
  - c) Getting job opportunities
  - d) Receiving job offers
4. Why would William like to take the summer off?
  - a) To do some volunteer work
  - b) To get extensive training
  - c) To get a job
  - d) To drop out of college

## SECTION II: grammar

### PRESENT PERFECT AND ADVERBS OF TIME

#### FORM AND STRUCTURE

**INSTRUCTION:** Unscramble the following sentences for completing the grammar form of present perfect tense.

**Affirmative sentence:** S + AUXILIAR (HAVE) + ADV + V (PP) + C

..... Have / taken / I / the most difficult ones/ already

**Negative sentence:** S + NEGATIVE AUXILIAR (HAVEN'T) + V (PP) + C + ADVERB

..... finished / I / haven't/ my exams/ yet

**Yes / No question:** AUXILIAR + S + V (PP) + C

..... decided / you / have / yet?

## USAGE

**INSTRUCTION:** Cross out X the correct functions of present perfect with YET and ALREADY.

- a) **In questions**, when we want to ask if something that we expected happened or not....
- b) **In questions**, when we want to ask about something that will happen in the future ...
- c) **In negative statements**, when we want to talk about something that hasn't occurred before the present moment in time .....
- d) **In negative statements**, when we want to talk about actions that we started in the **past**, but they continue in the future.
- e) **In affirmative sentences**, when we want to talk about something that has occurred before the moment of speaking .....
- f) **In affirmative sentences**, when we want to talk about **past actions** we did .....

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Circle the correct answer

We use already with affirmative/ negative statements / questions

We use yet with affirmative / negative statements.

## SECTION II: VOCABULARY

### MATCH LIFE EXPERIENCES COLLOCATIONS WITH PICTURES



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- take time off (work)
- take an exam
- take an (online) course
- do volunteer work
- do an extreme sport
- do something artistic
- make money
- make a plan
- make a donation



## SECTION iv : speaking

### ROLE PLAY

**INSTRUCTIONS:** In pairs, ask the following questions and according to your answer role-play a character.

#### HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO DROP OUT OF COLLEGE?

**YES;**



1. A lot of time has passed since you saw your best friend, ask him about his state.
2. Talk about your current situation at college or university, and ask him about his plans after college.
3. You didn't decide anything, but some ideas come now.

**NEVER;**

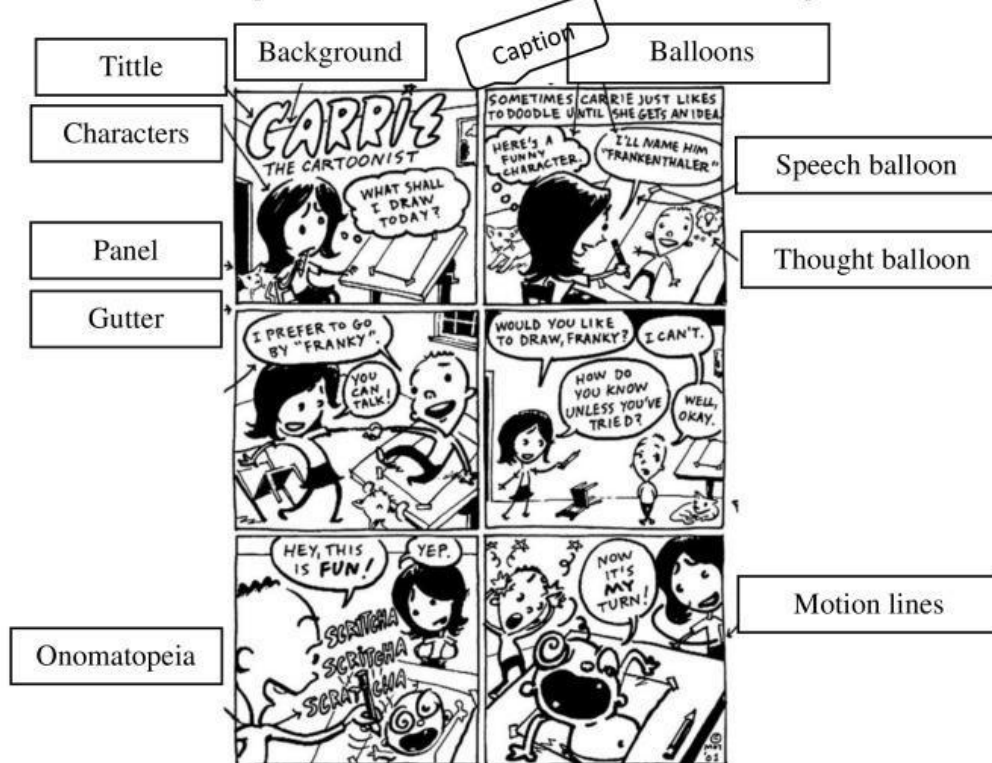


1. Talk about a recent experience as a college or university student.
2. Talk about your plans after college.
3. You didn't plan or decide anything but you have some ideas. Ask your friend for his plans for summer,
4. Talk about your plans to keep the conversation.

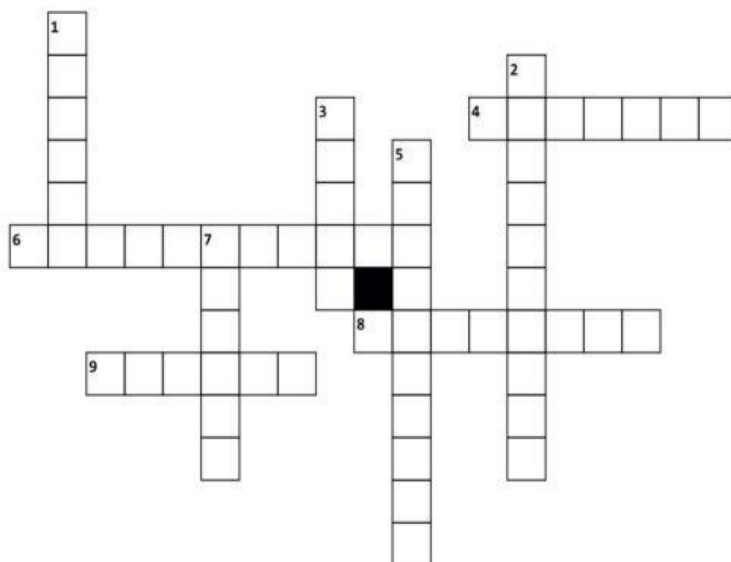
## SECTION v : w r i t i n g

### COMIC STRIP DRAFT

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete the crossword with the correct comic strip elements.



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#### Down

1. Stars, curlicues, and other invisible graphics that help readers to understand the actions.
2. Place, time and circumstances in which the story occurs.
3. The story boxes
5. A representation of an individual personality in the comic.
7. In open, fancy letters, the name given to the comic.

#### Across

4. Description box
6. Sound effects
8. Show what characters are saying and thinking
9. The blank space that separates two panels

**INSTRUCTIONS:** write what you have / haven't experienced as a college student in a sentence. Answer with complete sentences. Be careful. Don't use present perfect to talk about a specific time in the past. Use present perfect with already and yet to mention recent actions that you have made or not.

**Have you made a big mistake yet?**

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**Have you taken a difficult exam at college or university yet?**

.....

**Have you taken the summer off from college or university yet?**

.....

**Have you made money from your talents and skills at university yet?**

.....

**Have you made a summer plan yet? If not, write some ideas know.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Portrait yourself as a college or university student in the midst of the panel. Use speech balloons to talk about your experience at college using your answers.

MY EXPERIENCE  
AT COLLEGE