

The GAP year?

That year between...



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So what is a GAP YEAR?

- Why do students take a gap year?
- What do they do?





Taking a Gap Year

A Gap Year is a period of time taken by a student to travel or work

- Between their high school graduation and college
- OR between college graduation and starting a full time job



The Gap year is.....

- New graduates spending time - up to a year - pursuing interests, trying out new things, and following their heart and passions.
- A gap year is constructive time out - it can be anywhere, anytime, doing anything.



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- **8.L1** understand with little or no support the main points in extended talk on a wide range of general and curricular topics
- **8.R9** begin to recognise inconsistencies in argument in short texts on a limited range of general and curricular subjects
- **8.S3** give an opinion at discourse level on a range of general and curricular topics
- **8.UE17** use *if / unless / if only* in second conditional clauses and *wish [that]* clauses [present reference];
use a growing variety of relative clauses including *why* clauses on a range of familiar general and curricular topics

At the end of the lesson you'll be able to

- understand what the gap year is;
- understand what people do on a gap year;
- express your own opinions at discourse level;
- speak about advantages and disadvantages of taking a gap year

**LISTEN
and
Learn**

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Watch the video about ‘What the Gap Year is’ for two times.

While watching choose the right variant to the given questions.



What can you do during a Gap Year?

- Travel
- Have an Adventure
- Get a one year Internship
- Get a one year job
- Help/Educate Yourself
- Help Others/ Volunteer Abroad
- Learn new things





Think-aloud

Think Aloud

- I predict that ...
- I can picture ...
- A question I have is ...
- This reminds me of ...
- This is like ...
- I am confused about ...
- The big idea here is ...
- I believe ...





Think-aloud

- What do I know about this topic?
- What do I think I will learn about this topic?
- Do I understand what I just read?
- Do I have a clear picture in my head about this information?
- What more can I do to understand this?
- What were the most important points in this reading?
- What new information did I learn?
- How does it fit in with what I already know



It Has Its' benefits/advantages

- **1. Learn About the World**
- **Although gap years don't have to involve foreign travel, most gap year students seize the opportunity to travel abroad.**



- **2. Learn About Yourself**
- **Young people are able to figure out who they are and what inspires them. During the gap year, they begin to emerge as self-actualized adults**



- **3. Have Fun**
- **You only live once. A gap year bursting with travel, adventure, exploration and self-discovery can be a life-changing memorable experience.**

H a v e
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4. Overcome Challenges

- **Make no mistake – a gap year isn't time to take a vacation.**
- **Gap year students usually work, volunteer or undertake self-directed service projects.**
- **For many students the gap year is a time to learn how to get along in the real world. This process isn't always easy, but it is an essential part of growing up.**



- **5. Save Money**

- There's a common perception that gap years are only for wealthy students.
- However, taking a gap year can actually save you money in the long run. Gap year students often work part-time as they travel, or volunteer for organizations that cover their expenses.



- **6. Learn A Foreign Language**
- Proficiency in a foreign language is an invaluable skill for young people in today's interconnected world.
- Living, working and traveling overseas is the best way to learn a foreign language, which means that gap year students who supplement their high-school Spanish with travel in Bolivia have a serious advantage over their peers.

It Has Its' Disadvantages/Worries

- Your friends will have moved on and you will be a year behind
- You might end up not going to university/college
- Your study skills may be very rusty and you may find it hard to adjust
- It could be an expensive let down

If I had on a gap year, I would...

SECOND CONDITIONAL

Formation:

If + past simple, + would + base form

For Example: If I were you, I'd tell her.

IF	CONDITION	RESULT	SITUATION
	Past simple	Would + base form	
If	I had the time,	I would learn Italian.	Impossible I don't have the time, so I'm not going to learn Italian.
If	I won the lottery	I would travel around the world.	Unlikely There's a very small chance of winning the lottery, so the trip is unlikely

If only we had a gap year, I would (go to ...)

Peer Assessment

Think-Aloud Rubric

Student name _____

Think-aloud response types	5-6 different response types	3-4 different response types	1-2 different response types
Imagery/Visual responses			
Making connections to personal experiences			
Making connections to other texts			
Predictions			
Stating understanding			
Stating confusion			
Score	3	2	1

Plenary Dice or Discussion Cubes

- Today I found out that ...
- It really helped me when...
- The most interesting part was when...
- I could have improved my work by...
- Next time I would like to...

