

# 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

planning and research  
learning  
adventure  
open mind  
GAP YEAR  
great for your CV  
study  
commitment  
independence  
wonderful  
worthwhile  
paid work  
excitement  
couch surfing  
teaching placements  
life changing  
unique opportunity  
key life skills  
spiritual retreat  
independent travel  
challenging  
conservation  
internship  
work your way around the world  
experience  
helping disadvantaged people  
au pair  
volunteering  
focused  
greater contribution to your course  
work experience  
explore other cultures  
paid work  
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# 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**  
**F u n**



#### 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 <b>had</b> the time,	I <b>would learn</b> Italian.	<b>Impossible</b> I don't have the time, so I'm not going to learn Italian.
If	I <b>won</b> the lottery	I <b>would travel</b> around the world.	<b>Unlikely</b> 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...

