



A What is the article for? Who should read it? Read and find out.



The number of people taking a gap year is rising.

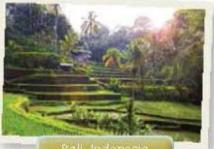
What is a gap year? It is time you take off from school or work to do something different. If you think this sounds like a good idea, you are not alone. In 2013, about 250,000 people between the ages of 16 and 25 took a gap year in the UK.

- 🗾 If you want to take a gap year, you have to decide what to do. There are many possibilities. Some people choose to work with charity organizations. They help build houses for people who have no money, or teach in countries where there aren't enough local teachers. Many people decide to learn a new sport, like whitewater rafting. Others use the time to see the world. The number of British teenagers travelling far from home during their
- gap year is going up. The top five areas for British teenagers to go to now are Tibet, Indonesia, Taiwan, Eastern Europe and Canada.
- It is important to plan your gap year well.
 Learning a new sport is not easy to do. Find an organization that can teach you, and help you get the right safety gear. If you decide to travel to another country, learn as much as you can about the country before you go. Find out if you need any vaccinations, and
- what type of clothing you should take. There are hundreds of organizations that can help you plan well.
- Taking a gap year has many advantages. You can decide what you like and what you are good at. You can also learn things that will help you find a good job when you get home. For example, a gap year is a good time to learn or practise a language. And if you travel, a gap year gives you a chance to meet new people and see the world.

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| | People who take a gap year can learn things that help them Paragraph get a good job. |
| | There are a lot of organizations that can help young people Paragraph plan their gap year. |
| 1.1 | C Read the aiticle on page 44 more carefully and answer the questions. |
| | What kinds of things do young people do during a gap year? |
| | What do you need to do before you take a gap year? |
| | What are the advantages of taking a gap year? |
| | Would you like to take a gap year? Why/Why not? |
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Unit 4 Lesson 2: Staying in Touch















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- C Read the opinions below. Which method of communication is each speaker talking about?
- In my opinion, it's the best way to communicate because you can say as much as you want, and you don't need any special equipment.
 - 🚺 I don't like these because they don't say much.
- I think it's great because your message gets there immediately and it's very cheap.
- D Do you agree? Think of other reasons why you like or dislike these ways of communicating and write them in your notebook.
- E Now do Exercises A to D on pages 44 and 45 of your Workbook.