

1 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box

brainstorm ideas two minds ~~make up my mind~~
reconsidered seek advice undecided unsure
weighed up the pros and cons

- I'm not sure what to study at college, I can't make up my mind between English literature and history.
- Student should from the school careers advisor.
- He must have before choosing medicine as a career.
- Jason was whether take a gap year because he wasn't sure how he could fund it.
- I thought Rita was taking a gap year, but she must have because she's here at college.
- You ought to and create a mind map before choosing an essay topic.
- My parents are about whether I should take a gap year.
- I'm in about whether I should live in the city centre or the suburbs.

2 Reorder the words to make sentences.

- so / reconsider / subject choice / is extremely hard / your / may have to / you / this course
This course is extremely hard so you may have to reconsider your subject choice.
- a decision / I / through / thinking / yet / haven't made / I'm still / it
.....
- his / he's going / made / where / has John / mind / about / to study / up
.....?
- which / doubt / about / should choose / in / job applicant / he / he is
.....
- your / considered / options / carefully / all / have you
.....?
- come / a decision / by now / the director / must have / to
.....

3 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the first box and the words in the second box.

accept apply fail follow graduate leave
pass resit take

exam x2 ~~from~~ path place x 3 step take

Paolo is an overseas student who ¹ graduated from university top of his class. He ² for a on our internship programme last year but he ³ the English language so he wasn't allowed to join. He must have studied hard because he ⁴ the this year and ⁵ with excellent grades, so he has ⁶ a on our management programme. He is currently ⁷ the accelerated and I hope he will ⁸ a permanent on our staff at the end of the year. I know ⁹ his country was a big for him, but he is performing well and it's clear he feels at home here.

4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box and an appropriate adjective.

step understanding factor decision future
influence feelings feelings

- You graduate from high school in two months, so you have to make a decision about your immediate future soon.
- I believe a lot of parents have about children taking a gap year. They can see both the advantages and disadvantages.
- Graduating from college and starting a job is a, but it's all part of becoming independent.
- Mark's mother must have been a in his life because he's studying to become a chef too.
- I think the in choosing whether to have a gap year or not is usually financial.
- You have another year to go before you finish school, so you don't have to make an
- It's important to have a of exactly what the job involves before you accept the position.
- My grandfather has always had very about the importance of a university education. He believes it's vital to help you get a good job.

1

- 2 seek advice
- 3 weighed up the pros and cons
- 4 undecided
- 5 reconsidered
- 6 brainstorm ideas
- 7 unsure
- 8 two minds

2

- 2 haven't made a decision yet, I'm still thinking it through.
- 3 made up his mind about where he's going to study?
- 4 in doubt about which job applicant he should choose.
- 5 considered all your options carefully?
- 6 must have come to a decision by now.

3

- 2 applied, place
- 3 failed, exam
- 4 resat, exam
- 5 passed
- 6 taken, place
- 7 following, path
- 8 accept, place
- 9 leaving, step

4

- 2 mixed feelings
- 3 big / major step
- 4 major / strong / big influence
- 5 deciding factor
- 6 immediate decision
- 7 clear understanding
- 8 strong / mixed feelings