

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- I'm not sure what to study at college, I can't make up my mind / *come to a decision* between English literature and history.
- Students should *seek advice* / *brainstorm ideas* from the school careers advisor.
- He must have *weighed up the pros and cons* / *been in two minds about* before choosing medicine as a career.
- Jason was *undecided* / *in doubt* about whether to 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 *thought it through* / *reconsidered* because she's still here at college.
- You ought to *think through* / *brainstorm* ideas and create a mind map before choosing an essay topic.
- My parents are *unsure about* / *considering their* options whether I should take a gap year.
- I'm *in two minds about* / *thinking through* 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 is extremely hard so you may have to reconsider your subject choice.
- a decision / through / thinking / yet / haven't made / I'm still / it
I
- his / is going / made up / where / mind / about / to study / he
Has John?
- which / in doubt / about / should choose / job applicant / he
He is
- your / considered / options / carefully / all /
Have you?
- come to / a decision / by now / must have
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3 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets and the words in the box.

exam x2 ~~from~~ path place x3 step take

Paolo is an overseas student who ¹ graduated from (graduate) university top of his class. He ² for a (apply) on our internship programme last year but he ³ the English language (fail) so he wasn't allowed to join. He must have studied hard because he ⁴ the (resit) this year and ⁵ (pass) with excellent grades, so he has ⁶ a (take) on our management programme. He is currently ⁷ the accelerated (follow) and I hope he will ⁸ a permanent (accept) on our staff at the end of the year. I know ⁹ his country was a big (leave) 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.

big step	clear understanding
deciding factor	immediate decision
immediate future	major influence
mixed feelings	strong 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.

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

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 step
- 4 major influence
- 5 deciding factor
- 6 immediate decision
- 7 clear understanding
- 8 strong feelings