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Gap Year

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

Language Point

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| <p>fulfilling</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - satisfying - rewarding - worthwhile |  |
| <p>She's due to return next April.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -She's supposed to return next April. -She's going to return next April. -She plans to return next April. -She's set to return next April. | |

Key vocabulary

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| gap year | millennials | explore | one's passion |
| career path | disadvantaged | fulfilling | due |

B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

Will: How's your daughter doing? Is she in school?

Erika: Not at the moment, she decided to take a gap year.

Will: I hear that is becoming more common for millennials these days.

Erika: Yes. I think it's a good idea. It gives her a chance to explore her passions and hopefully make a better decision for her career path.

Will: So, how is she spending her time?

Erika: She's volunteering, working in a school for disadvantaged children in Tibet.

Will: Good for her! I think giving back to society is very fulfilling and builds character.

Erika: I agree. I'm very happy for her. I think she'll get a lot out of the experience.

Will: I'm sure she will. So, when is she coming back?

Erika: She's due to return next April but she might want to stay on longer.

Will: I think it's fantastic and she'll probably learn a lot more from this experience than sitting in a classroom.

Q & A!



- What are the benefits and drawbacks of taking a gap year?
- Should taking a gap year be made mandatory by schools?

Part 2

III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

A. Top 3 things to do in a gap year

Directions: Choose three things from the list below that you would like to do in a gap year. Explain why.

Things to do in a Gap Year

- work
- complete an internship
- study English abroad
- relax and enjoy time off
- join an environmental organization
- travel
- volunteer



B. Let's Talk!

Directions: If you were a millennial, what would you prefer doing?
Choose between A and B.

Study English in...

A



B



Volunteer to ...

A



B

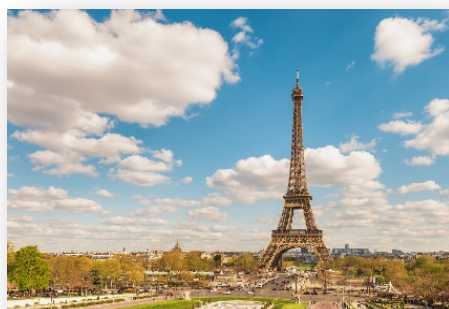


Travel to...

A



B



C. Role-Play

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Your friend is thinking about taking a gap year next semester and wants to go backpacking across Asia to relax and have fun. You like the idea of a gap year, but you think that the year should be put to a more meaningful purpose than just having fun.

Talk to him:

- Say that taking a gap year is a good idea.
- Explain why you think it is better to do something else.
- Give him options like volunteering, studying a new language or doing a paid job.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.