

7 - Future Plans

Useful Vocabulary

in a few months' time	establish my career	become independent / gain independence
next year / this upcoming year	get married	
in a year / in ... years(' time)	start a family	become more mature
when I finish school / the army, etc.	I have no idea what I want to do. I don't know what I want to do yet.	I'm excited and nervous at the same time.
in the future	I don't have any / firm plans yet.	I can't wait to ...
I hope / plan / intend to ...	I'm still not sure about what I want to do.	I'm afraid that / of ...
I'm thinking about ... (<i>gerund</i>)		It's hard for me to picture separating from all my friends.
I'd like to ...	I'm trying to decide what to do.	
I'm determined to ...	I'm still thinking things through.	I'm sure / confident that I will do well / succeed.
short-term / long-term plans	I'm still considering different / all my options.	I very much hope that I'll accomplish all that I set out to do.
in the short / long term		
(set a) goal	I prefer to take things one step at a time.	
join the army		
do National Service	Life is so uncertain that it's hard to plan far in advance.	I look forward to seeing what the future holds for me.
travel to Africa / Asia / India / South America	a new stage in life	
study (at college / university)	(take on) new responsibilities	
get a job / begin working	face new challenges	

Practice Questions

1. Do you like to plan for the future in detail or do you avoid setting goals? Explain.
2. What are your plans for after you leave school / for the upcoming year(s)?
3. How do you feel about leaving school and moving on to a new stage in life?
4. How do you think you will change as a person after you finish school and move on to a new stage in life?
5. What are your hopes for the future?
6. What are your long-term plans for the future?
7. What is your biggest goal for the future? How do you plan to achieve it?
8. Describe your life as you envision it in twenty years from now.



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