

AUDIO SCRIPT

LISTENING

Task 1.

Raoul: Hi there, Isabella! What are you doing?

Isabella: I'm doing research for my gap year.

Raoul: Gap year? Are you going to take a whole year out after university?

Isabella: Yes, I am! It's probably the only time in my life that I'll have that length of time to travel and see the world. And of course it will give me time to think about what I want to do in the future.

Raoul: I suppose it will give you time to think about your options. Where are thinking going? Somewhere in Europe?

Isabella: Well, I've travelled all over France, Germany and Russia so I feel I know Europe quite well.

Raoul: That's true. And didn't you spend last summer in Sweden and Denmark?

Isabella: Yes, I did and I really enjoyed it. But the world's a big place and I'd like to see some more of it! I want to go somewhere completely new and different. So, my plan is to spend a few months in Asia and then go on to Australia!

Raoul: Are you sure about that? What about the cost? It will be too expensive.

Isabella: It won't be too bad. And I'm not just going to travel. I'm going to earn some money during the year too. My plan is to look for temporary jobs to help pay my way. I'd love to do fruit picking in Australia!

Raoul: I'm still not sure. It sounds like a complete waste of time for me. And how will a gap year look to a future employer? It will look like you just want to have one long holiday!

Isabella: No, it won't. It will show an employer that I'm independent and can think for myself. And it also shows that I am confident enough to face different challenges. A gap year will make me stand out from other people in a good way. And, you know what they say, Raoul – travel broadens the mind!

Task 2.

Speaker 1. 'I only really went along to the salsa group to keep my boyfriend company'.

Speaker 2. 'acting skills ...I thought if I joined, it'd be a chance to pick some up.'

Speaker 3. 'We're doing golf this term; are you up for it or not?'

Speaker 4. 'I thought a club would be a way of getting in touch with like-minded students on other courses'.

Speaker 5. 'So when a doctor I met at the hospital said they did Tai Chi at lunchtimes there, why didn't I give it a try?'