

### TAKE A GAP YEAR! ▶ 11

#### 1 Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- 1 What is a gap year?
- 2 Is it usual for people in your country to take a gap year? Why? / Why not?
- 3 Do you think a gap year is a good idea? Why? / Why not?

#### 2 ▶ 11 Watch the video and answer the questions.

- 1 What four things are listed as activities people do on a gap year?  
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- 2 Number the photos in the order you hear them mentioned.



#### 3 ▶ 11 Complete the text. Then watch the video and check your answers.

A gap year is a (1) ..... school and university and you are supposed to do something other than (2) ..... It was seen as a time to try something different like (3) ..... somewhere exotic, getting a (4) ..... in an office, hospital or school or doing an apprenticeship and learning a (5) .....

Nowadays (6) ..... is the most popular option. Many people realise they have no obligations like a mortgage, children, or (7) ..... and want to make the most of this chance to see the world. One of the most popular destinations is (8) ..... because it's (9) ..... and has lots of things to see and do. Australia and New Zealand are popular with British children as they are (10) ..... but also full of adventure. Some people visit Peru for the (11) ..... or the USA which has endless opportunities. The idea is that the gap year could (12) ..... you better for university and life.

#### 4 Work in groups. Ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Would you like to travel to any of the places in the video? Why? / Why not?
- 2 What do you think would be the best way to spend a gap year? Why?
- 3 Why do you think gap years are more usual in some countries than others?