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Taking a Gap Year 空挡年

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Most students in the UK leave school or **sixth-form college** at the age of 18 and go to study for three years in a University, but in recent years many students have chosen to take a one-year break between finishing school and starting university.

This period is called a **gap year** and is a time when British students can **broaden their horizons** by visiting foreign countries.

Tens of thousands of gap year travellers leave Britain every year, with Australia as the most popular destination. While some volunteer for **charity work** in **developing countries**, others will enjoy **eco-tourism** or simply **backpack** through many countries.

Many other gap year travellers **try their hand** at teaching English to the **locals** in the countries they visit.

Students who take a gap year often say the experience helps them get a better **perspective** on the world and broadens their **cultural awareness**.

An important part of any gap year is learning about the culture and society of other peoples. It can be very important to learn about **local norms** in order to avoid a **culture clash**, such as when Westerners wear clothes that are seen as unacceptable in more **conservative countries**.

Developments in communications technology mean it is easier than ever to **keep in touch** with friends and family at home. Many gap year students maintain a **travel blog** or upload their **snaps** to **photo-sharing websites** so that others can see their adventures.

China is becoming an increasingly popular destination for British students. Gap year programmes in China might include **coaching sports** in Chinese schools, learning **kung fu** or even teaching English.

Who knows? Perhaps you'll meet some British gap year travellers in your home town soon. Don't forget to practice your English with them!



Glossary 词汇表

sixth-form college 高中	gap year 空档年
broaden their horizons 开阔眼界	charity work 慈善工作
developing countries 发展中国家	eco-tourism 环保旅游业
backpack 背包旅行	try their hand 尝试
locals 当地人	perspective 观点, 看法
cultural awareness 文化意识	local norms 地方风俗
culture clash 文化冲突	conservative countries 保守国家
keep in touch 保持联系	travel blog 旅行博客
snaps 照片	photo-sharing websites 照片分享网站
coaching sports 运动培训	kung fu 功夫

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Many British students go to university at the age of 21. **True / False**
2. Most students take a gap year between finishing university and starting work. **True / False**
3. Gap year travellers study English in foreign countries. **True / False**
4. British students abroad should learn about the cultures of countries they visit. **True / False**
5. Gap year students use the internet to keep in contact with home. **True / False**

2. Idioms 习惯用语

Look at the idioms below. Each one is connected to travel.

Match the idiom to its definition.

请看下列习惯用语，它们都与旅行有关。

请将习语与各自的定义对应起来。

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| 1. to travel light | a. to do something new without any previous experience |
| 2. to fly by the seat of your pants | b. to leave somewhere |
| 3. to hit the road | c. to become angry suddenly |
| 4. to fly off the handle | d. to not take much luggage on a journey |

Now complete the sentences below by using one of the idioms above.

现在请用以上的某个习语完成下列句子。

1. My boss _____ when I told him I wanted a pay rise.
2. "Well, it's time for me to _____. I've been here too long."
3. I'm only taking a toothbrush and a change of clothes because I prefer to _____.
4. I've never done this before so I'm _____.

3. Phrasal verbs 短语动词

Look at the phrasal verbs below. Can you match them to their definitions?

请看下列短语动词，请将它们与各自的定义对应起来。

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| 1. to set off | a. to show your ticket and get a seat on a plane at the airport |
| 2. to check in | b. to break a long journey by staying a short time on the way |
| 3. to stop off | c. to begin a journey |
| 4. to touch down | d. to land in a plane |

Now complete the sentences below by using one of the phrasal verbs.

现在请用以上的某个短语动词完成下列句子。

1. "This is your captain speaking, please fasten your seatbelts as we will be _____ in ten minutes."
2. I always get to the airport early so I can _____ and relax.
3. The flight to Australia takes 24 hours so I'm going to _____ in Bangkok for a couple of days.
4. If we need to arrive by three o'clock, we should _____ around ten.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with travel in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与旅行有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘)形式出现。

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w	t	i	c	k	e	t	h	y	u	m	k
x	v	f	r	g	y	j	m	u	i	o	l
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backpack	tourist	luggage	foreign	fly
train	visa	passport	ticket	return

Answers 答案

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- a
- b
- d

Now complete the sentences below by using one of the phrasal verbs.

现在请用以上的某个短语动词完成下列句子。

- "This is your captain speaking, please fasten your seatbelts as we will be **touching down** in ten minutes."
- I always get to the airport early so I can **check in** and relax.
- The flight to Australia takes 24 hours so I'm going to **stop off** in Bangkok for a couple of days.
- If we need to arrive by three o'clock, we should **set off** around ten.

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- d
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- b
- c

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- "Well, it's time for me to **hit the road**. I've been here too long."
- I'm only taking a toothbrush and a change of clothes because I prefer to **travel light**.
- I've never done this before so I'm **flying by the seat of my pants**.

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