



Graduation

Conversation > Intermediate 6



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

graduation	The act of receiving a degree from a school, college or university.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I went on a tour of Europe after graduation.</i>

owe (someone) a lot	To feel grateful to someone for something they have done.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I am always thankful that you are my friend, I really owe you a lot.</i>

application	A formal, written request for something, such as a job, place at a university, etc.
[noun]	<i>Ex: This is an application form for a bank loan.</i>



resume	A document that describes a person's education, previous jobs, etc. that is sent when applying for a job.
[noun]	<i>Ex: You have a very impressive resume.</i>

out-of-town	Located or happening in a different place.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: I really love out-of-town trips because they are so relaxing.</i>

diligence	Careful hard work or effort.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Many people have noticed your exceptional diligence on this project.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Peter: Congratulations on your graduation, Dave! I am so proud of you!

Dave: This is all for mom and dad. Thanks for all your help, brother.

Peter: Mom and dad are very proud of what you've achieved, Dave.

Dave: I owe you a lot, brother. You've been a great inspiration as well.

Peter: Well, it's because of your hard work and diligence, so you should be proud of yourself.

Dave: Oh, you are too kind, Peter.

Peter: Anyway, what is your plan after this, Dave?



Dave: I have already filled out some applications and sent my resume to different companies.

Peter: Don't you think you should give yourself a break first? Take an out-of-town trip or something?

Dave: I think it would be good for me to work right away since I enjoy my field.

Peter: You'll have the rest of your life to work. If I were you, I'd enjoy right now.

Dave: Well, this way, I can earn some money and help our parents out.

Peter: That's so kind of you. I am really proud of the person you've become, Dave.

Dave: Oh, stop it! Let's go celebrate with mom and dad.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

resume
graduation
diligence
out-of-town
applications
owe you a lot

1. Did you know that _____ trips cost a lot?
2. She is known throughout the company for her _____ and positivity.
3. After _____, she will move to the city.
4. We have received a lot of _____ from qualified candidates.
5. Thank you for your help. I _____!
6. You need to bring your _____ to a job interview.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: Your friend Kate has just graduated. Congratulate your friend on her accomplishment and talk about her future plans. The teacher can be Kate.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. What is your plan after the graduation? If you have already graduated, what was your plan?
2. Who did/will you thank after graduating? Why?
3. How would you like to celebrate your graduation?
4. How do you think people feel during their graduation ceremony?
5. Which do you think is better; life while studying at school or life while working? Why?