

# What can you do with that education?

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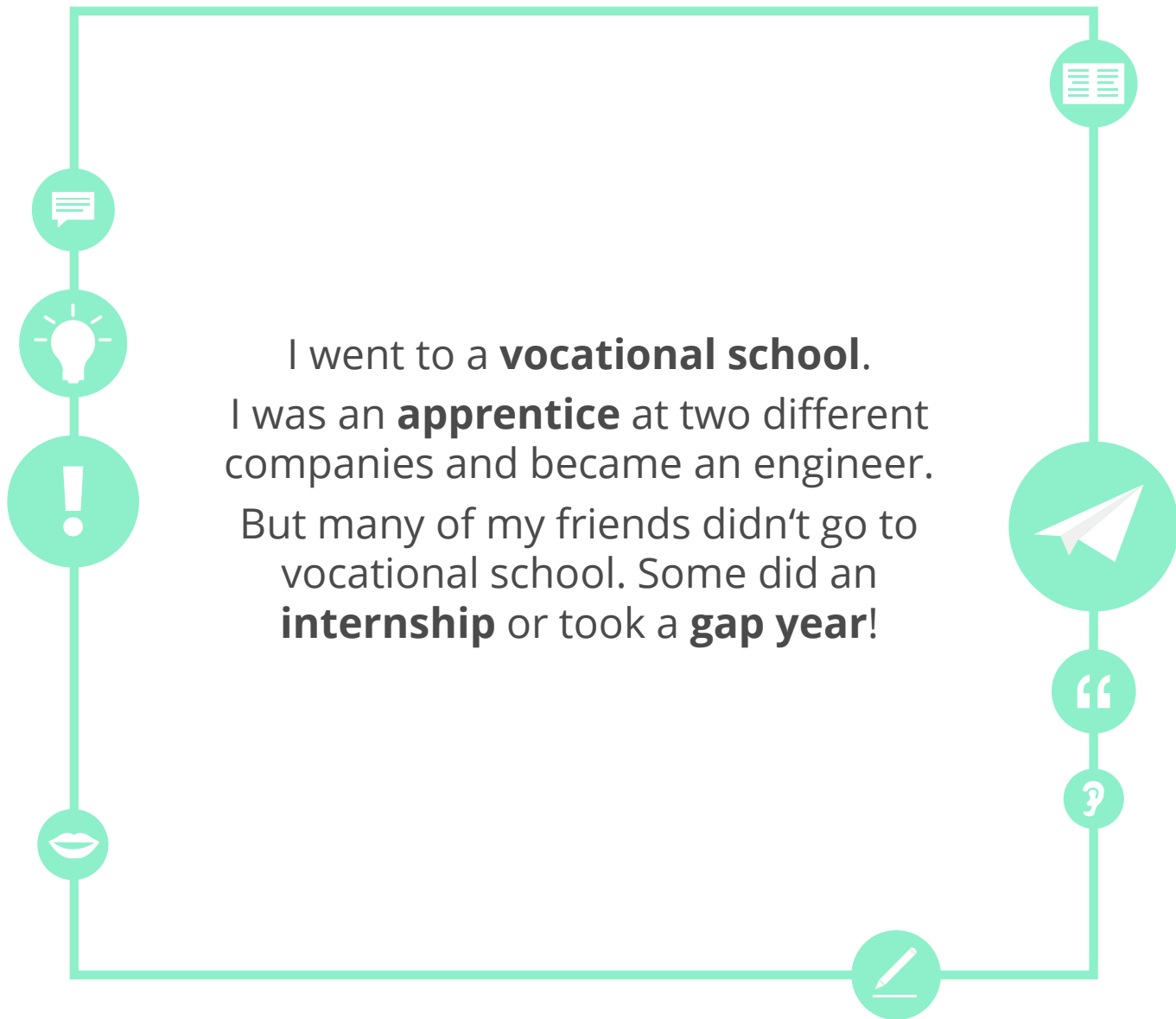




## Goals

- Can discuss alternatives to university.
- Can engage in conversation about my own experience.







## Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson, you will practise talking about **career options**, life after education and your own experience.



I went to a **vocational school** to become a mechanic.



**Do you remember these words?**

**to study at**

**to have a  
bachelor's degree**

**to have a  
certificate**



**to have a  
master's degree**

**to take a course**

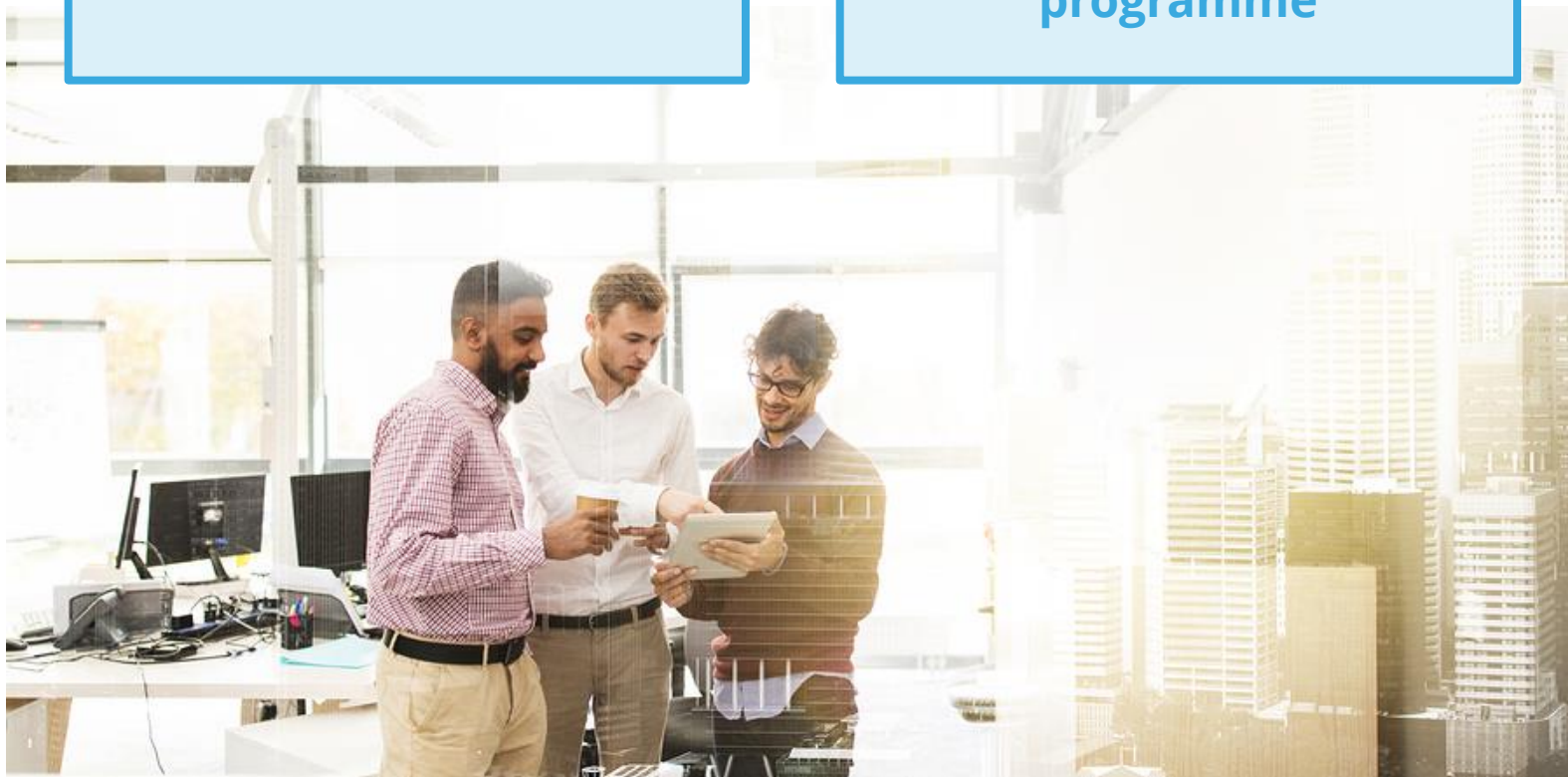
to go to a vocational school



I **go to a vocational school** because I want to be a hairdresser.

to be a trainee

to do a training  
programme



I **was a trainee** at a technology company.  
I **did a training programme** at a technology company.



to be an intern

to do an internship



I **was an intern** at a fashion design company.  
I **did an internship** at a fashion design company.



to be an apprentice



I **was an apprentice** at a consulting firm.

to learn how to *do something*



I **learnt how to** cook last year.

## Talking about your education

To talk about your educational history, you can talk about your degree(s), certificates, training and internships.

Which tense do you use in each case? **Simple present** or **simple past**?



**I have** a degree in Business Administration.



**I was** a trainee at a design company.  
**I did** an internship in London.



## Examples



I have a **degree** in Marketing.

I went to a **vocational school** to become a mechanic.



I did an **internship** at a magazine.

I am an **apprentice** fashion designer.





## Examples



I have a **certificate** in Product Design.

I **learnt how to** design new products.



I was a **trainee** at three different companies.



## Match to the definition

1. Internship

a. A worker who learns a skill from a skilled worker

2. Vocational school

b. A period of time spent working for a company to get experience

3. Apprentice

c. Someone taking part in an internship

4. Training programme

d. A school for learning a practical skill

5. Intern

e. A course for learning how to do a particular job





## Speaking

**Anna wants to become an architect.  
Which of these steps do you recommend?**



do an  
internship at an  
architecture  
firm

get a degree in  
Architecture

be an  
apprentice at a  
restaurant

learn how to  
design clothes

learn how to  
design  
buildings

go to vocational  
school

get a certificate  
in Modern  
Architecture

talk to other  
architects and  
ask for advice

learn how to  
cook



## Discuss

**How can these people get their dream job? Do they need to do an internship, training programme or just go to university?**

"I want to be a doctor."

**John**



"I want to be a fashion designer."

**Jessica**

"I want to work in sales."

**Maria**



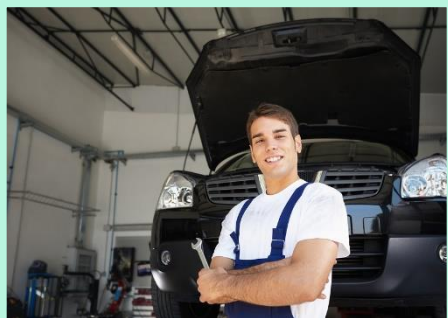
"I want to be an English teacher."

**Omar**



## Use your imagination

Imagine you are one of these characters  
Did you go to a vocational school? Did you do an internship?



to get work experience



I did an internship because I wanted to **get work experience**.



to take a gap year



People **take a gap year** when they need some time to understand what they want to do in the future.

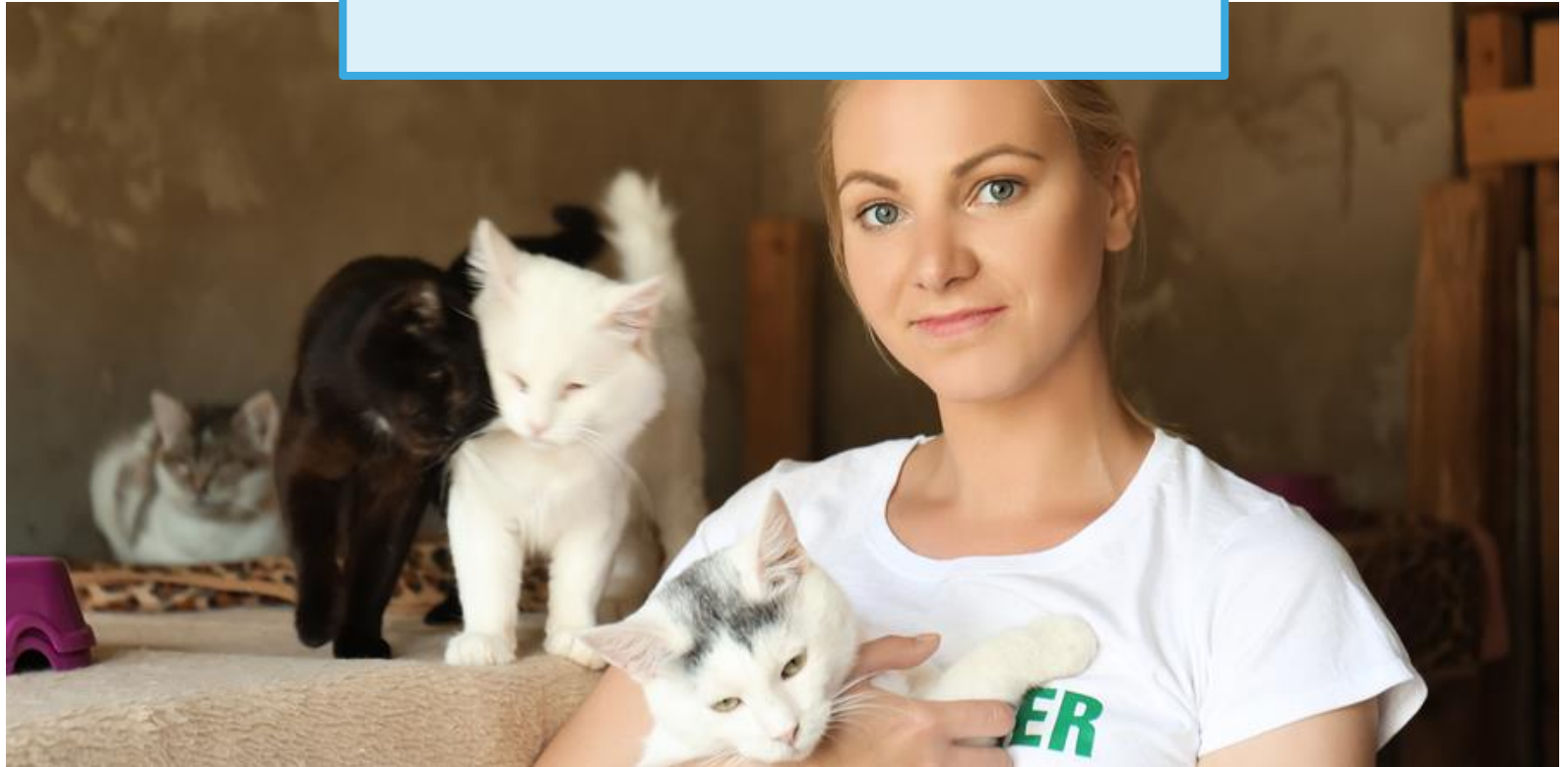
to start your own business



My dream is to **start my own business**. I don't want to work for a company.



to volunteer



I **volunteered** at the animal shelter for five months.

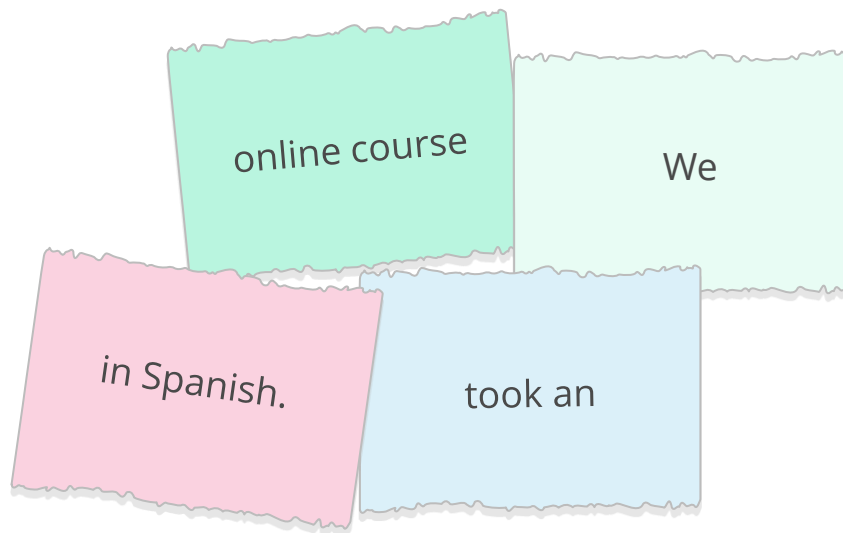
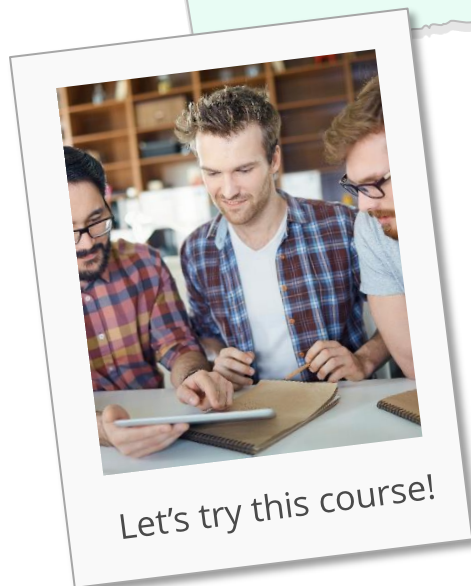
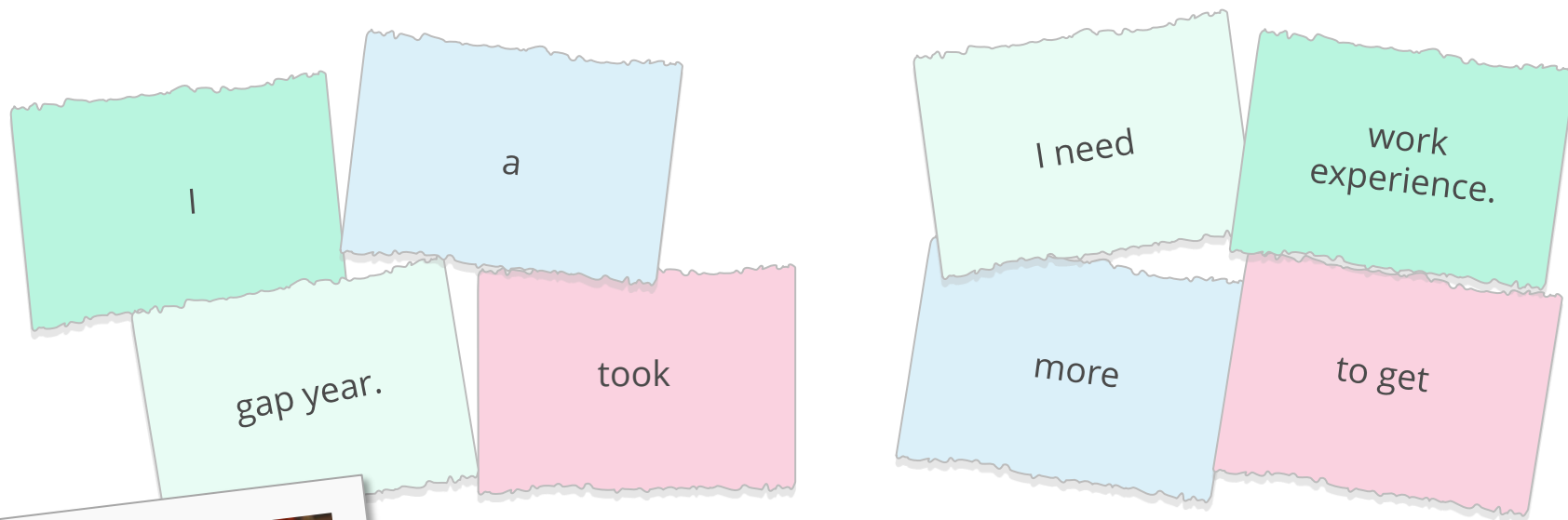
to take an online course



I **took an online course** in Education.

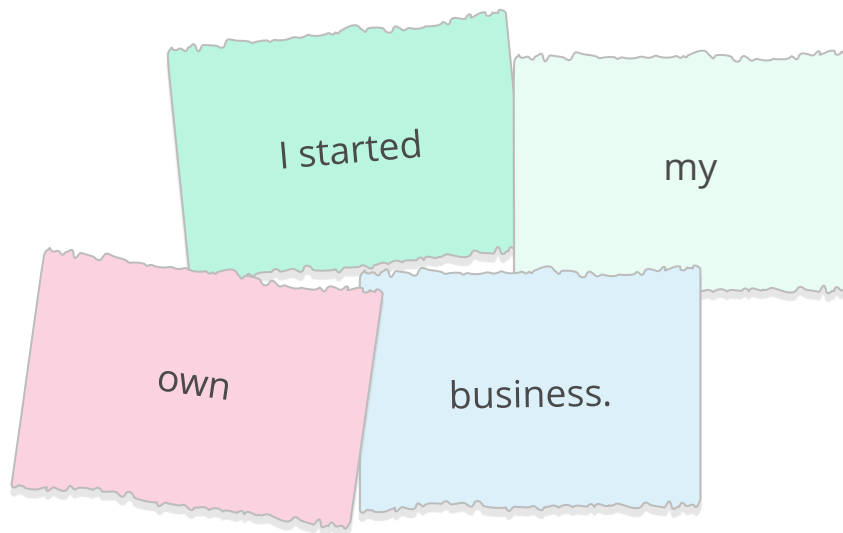
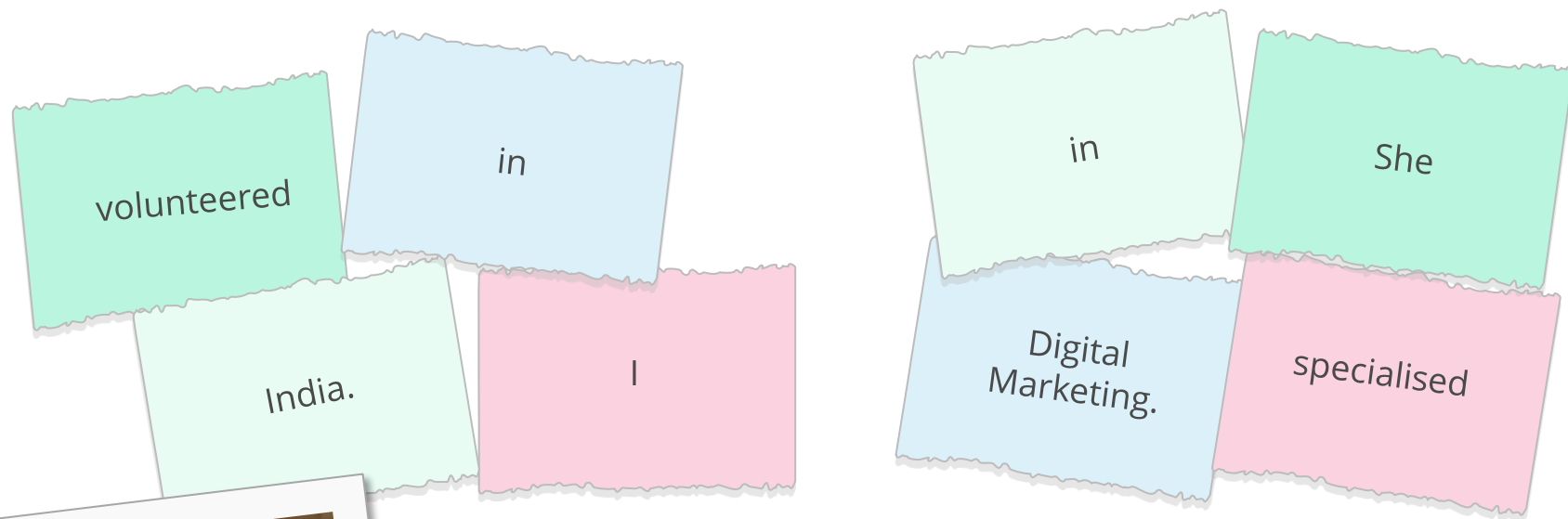


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## Dictation

**Listen to your teacher talking about Tim's experience with life after university. Make as detailed notes as you can about his life**

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abc





## Now choose the correct option

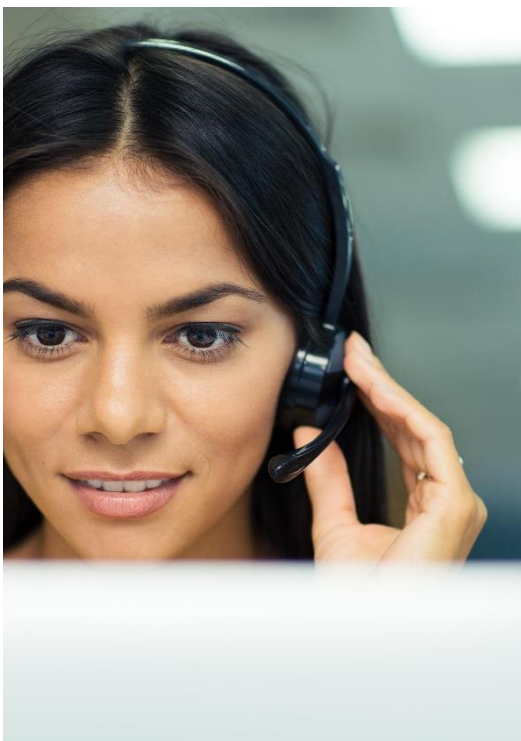
	TRUE	FALSE
1. Tim has a degree in Business.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Tim studied a lot about marketing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Tim took a gap year in 2017.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Tim volunteered in Brazil.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Tim was never an apprentice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. John inspired Tim to start his own business.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





## Speaking

**Share your own experience.  
What is your educational background?**



What degrees or certificates do you have?

What internships did you do?  
Were you an apprentice at a company?

Imagine you can take a gap year. What do you want to do?



## Speaking

**What are the advantages and disadvantages of these activities?  
Take a moment to think about it. Then, share your ideas**

going to  
university

taking a gap year

starting your own  
business

volunteering



## Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no

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## Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.  
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again



## Answer key

### Exercise 1, p.14

1. B
2. D
3. A
4. E
5. C

### Exercise 2, p.23

1. I took a gap year.
2. I need to get more work experience.
3. We took an online course in Spanish.

### Exercise 3, p.24

1. I volunteered in India.
2. She specialised in Digital Marketing.
3. I started my own business.

### Exercise 4, p.26

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. False
6. True



## Transcription

"My name is Tim.  
I have a degree in Business, but I studied mostly Accounting.  
I took a gap year in 2017. I volunteered in Argentina and took an  
online course in Spanish. After that, I was an apprentice at an  
accounting company.  
My friend John started his own business last year. I was very  
inspired and decided to open my own business, too. Now, I don't  
have to work for other companies. I am my own boss!"







## Grammar review: from Simple Present to Simple Past

1. I study Economics.

→ I *studied* Economics.

2. I volunteer at the animal shelter.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. I love European Politics.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. I learn how to cook.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. I am an apprentice.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. I am a Design intern.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. I do a training programme.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. I go to a vocational school.

→ \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Put the words in the right order

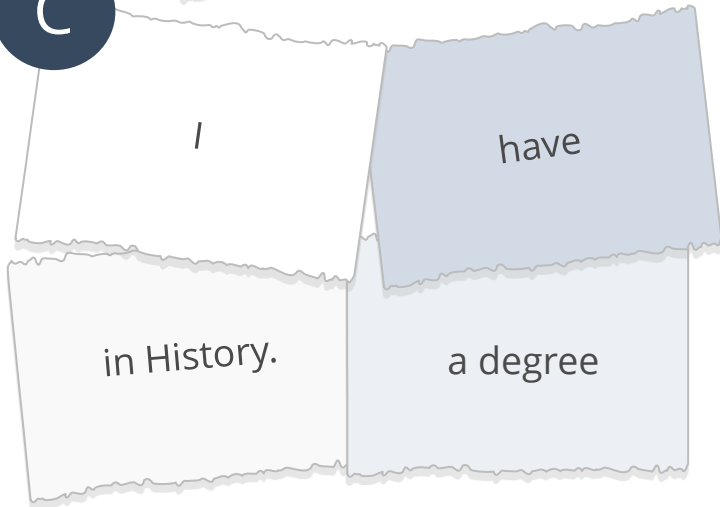
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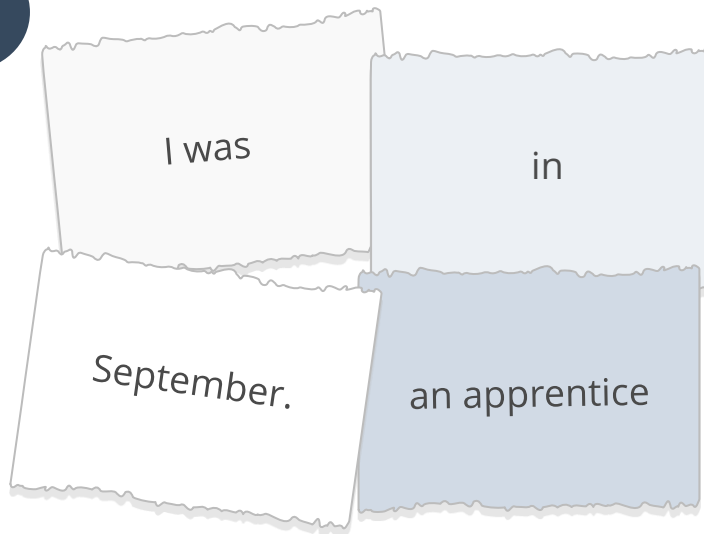
B



C



D





## Writing

I have a degree  
in...

I have a  
certificate in...

I went to a vocational school...

I volunteered...

I was an intern / apprentice...

I took a gap  
year...

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## Answer key

### Exercise p.30

I volunteered at the animal shelter.  
I specialised in European Politics.  
I learnt how to cook.  
I was an apprentice.  
I was a Design intern.  
I did a training program.  
I went to a vocational school.

### Exercise p.31

A. I did an internship in accounting.  
B. I took a gap year in 2018.  
C. I have a degree in History.  
D. I was an apprentice in September.

