

Vorbereidingsopdracht

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Titel voorbereidingsopdracht	What is a Gap Year?

Op de volgende bladzijde staan de instructies voor dit examen.

Je mag op deze voorbereidingsopdracht aantekeningen maken.

Neem deze voorbereidingsopdracht mee naar het examen.

Succes!

Engels havo

Instructie

Bestudeer de tekst op de volgende bladzijde. Je mag hierbij een woordenboek gebruiken en aantekeningen maken op de opdracht

Dit examen bestaat uit drie onderdelen:

1. Je houdt een presentatie van minimaal 4 en maximaal 5 minuten.
2. Je voert met de examinerator een gesprek in het **Engels** naar aanleiding van de tekst.
3. Je voert een gesprek over de gelezen werken op je literatuurlijst.
Ook dit gesprek wordt in het **Engels** gevoerd.

What is a Gap Year?

Thousands of people are taking gap years all over the world, travelling to destinations such as Australia, New Zealand and Thailand for months on end, travelling with relative comfort and ease. Today, a gap year can be anywhere, for any length of time, doing anything you want. You can volunteer in Belize, teach English as a foreign language in Israel, trek through the Himalayas in Nepal or travel around the 'banana pancake trail' in South East Asia. A gap year really is whatever you want it to be.

A gap year comes under many guises – backpacking, a career gap, a short gap year, travelling, time out, a sabbatical – but they all mean the same thing. A gap year is constructive time out to travel in between life stages. It usually means travelling, volunteering or working abroad. Often it means all three!

Backpacking and travelling is particularly popular among students in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the Netherlands, and a number of countries offer working holiday visas to improve cultural ties and foreign exchange.

Gap years are now seen as a way to improve your CV and to gain relevant work experience in a particular field, with employers actively employing people who have taken a gap year.

What is a 'traditional' gap year?

In the UK a 'gap year' was traditionally viewed as taking a year out to travel before university. The word on the street was that it involved travel for the wealthy few and pretty much nothing for the rest of us. Nowadays, however, all sorts of people are going backpacking and travelling, doing a thousand different things. The people who are out there taking gap years are of all ages, from all walks of life, but they all have one thing in common – they want to see the world!

Gap years are now as common as going on holiday, and people are treating them as such! People aren't just content with sitting on a beach for two weeks. They want to sit on every beach and travel around. With cheap flights and countries opening their doors to tourism, taking a gap year has never been so easy, and it's now seen as a positive rather than a negative.

Everyone's talking about travelling and gap years. And when they're not talking about it, they're sharing it on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram; photos, updates, videos, blogs. They're all linked together, and they're all promoting gap years. Nothing makes you want to travel more than seeing a friend's photo of a beautiful beach with the tagline "Wish you were here..."

What is the future of gap years?

What is going to come of the gap year? Pre-university gaps, during and post-university gaps, career-gaps (fastest growing gap year market), pre-and-post-baby gaps, 'stag' and 'hen' gaps, post-wedding gaps, pre-retirement gaps (second fastest growing market) – the list goes on. But do you see the one thing in common? Gap years. One thing's for certain is people love them and they're becoming more and more popular.

45 From the age of 18, people will now become 'serial gappers' as they head through each life stage, taking a gap year to prepare themselves for the transition ahead. The result will be a change in the mentality of society, away from the 'live to work, work to live' routine of a slow climb up a career ladder to a more exciting life path which simply involves doing what they enjoy in life and achieving that dream. People will forever want to travel, to experience and to share. After all, life is short. Why waste your time doing things you don't enjoy?! Take a gap year and see the world!