



WARM UP

Answer and discuss these questions in pairs or as a class.

1. When will you graduate?
2. What are you studying in school?
3. What kind of job do you want to have?
4. Why did you choose that job?
5. Where do you want to live after you graduate?



MATCHING

Match these idioms to their correct definitions.

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| 1. Time flies! | _____ a. to move up in a company, to get promoted |
| 2. a long road | _____ b. to be able to pay one's bills or expenses |
| 3. to weigh one's options | _____ c. a difficult decision |
| 4. to not have a clue | _____ d. a path that takes a long time to travel |
| 5. pros and cons | _____ e. to delay, to not think about right now |
| 6. to climb the ladder | _____ f. to decide which choice is best |
| 7. to make ends meet | _____ g. to decide, to choose |
| 8. to make up one's mind | _____ h. Time goes by so fast! |
| 9. a tough call | _____ i. the positives and the negatives |
| 10. to put on the back burner | _____ j. to have no idea |
| 11. to hang out | _____ k. to spend time with, to be with |

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DIALOGUE BUILDING

The dialogue below is not in the right order. Your teacher will provide you with **cut-up dialogue strips**. Work alone or with a partner to put the dialogue in the right order.



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| _____ | Sara: | It's a tough call , then. Well, you've still got time to think about it. |
| _____ | Amy: | Time flies! I can't believe we're graduating from college this year. |
| _____ | Amy: | Yes, but I wouldn't be able to make ends meet in the beginning. The starting salary is quite low. |
| _____ | Amy: | True. |
| _____ | Amy: | What are you going to do after graduation? |
| _____ | Amy: | I have two job offers. |
| _____ | Amy: | It pays really well, but I would have to work weekends. That's my only time to hang out with Jon. |
| _____ | Sara: | Which one do you think you'll take? |
| _____ | Sara: | What about the other job? |
| _____ | Amy: | I don't have a clue . |
| _____ | Sara: | I'm weighing my options . What are you going to do? |
| _____ | Sara: | What are the pros and cons ? |
| _____ | Sara: | That sounds promising. |
| _____ | Sara: | Put the decision on the back burner . You still have three months to make up your mind . |
| _____ | Sara: | Me, neither. It's been a long road . |
| _____ | Amy: | Well, the first job would let me climb the ladder . |



FILL IN THE BLANKS

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms from page 1.

1. I have been with my company for ten years. _____!
2. I studied in college for five years. It was a _____.
3. My first job didn't pay much. It was hard to _____.
4. I worked hard and _____. Now I am a vice president.
5. There are _____ to working for my company. I make a lot of money, but I have to work a lot of hours.
6. I am _____, but I think this is the best job for me.
7. It was a _____, but I think I chose the best man for the job.
8. I'm off work Friday night. Do you want to _____?



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Answer and discuss these questions in pairs or as a class.

1. Where are Amy and Sara graduating from this year?
2. What is Sara going to do after graduation?
3. How many job offers does Amy have?
4. When does Amy usually hang out with Jon?





DIALOGUE READING

Read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation. *Write down any new words or phrases in your notebook.*



- Amy: **Time flies!** I can't believe we're graduating from college this year.
- Sara: Me, neither. It's been **a long road**.
- Amy: What are you going to do after graduation?
- Sara: I'm **weighing my options**. What are you going to do?
- Amy: I have two job offers.
- Sara: Which one do you think you'll take?
- Amy: **I don't have a clue**.
- Sara: What are the **pros and cons**?
- Amy: Well, the first job would let me **climb the ladder**.
- Sara: That sounds promising.
- Amy: Yes, but I wouldn't be able to **make ends meet** in the beginning. The starting salary is quite low.
- Sara: What about the other job?
- Amy: It pays really well, but I would have to work weekends. That's my only time to **hang out** with Jon.
- Sara: It's **a tough call**, then. Well, you've still got time to think about it.
- Amy: True.
- Sara: **Put** the decision **on the back burner**. You still have three months to **make up your mind**.