

Writing Task Sample

Unit 3 Taking a break (p.31)

My views on taking a gap year

What are the pros and cons of taking a gap year? Write an article to share your thoughts in about 150 words.

Taking a gap year refers to taking a year off between finishing school and starting university, **so as to** spend time working or travelling. **However**, before deciding whether to take a gap year, there are several factors to consider.

On the one hand, taking a gap year allows us to take a break from studies. We can go travelling or take up a hobby which may shape our future careers. **On the other hand**, getting a job during this time provides us work experience which may stand us in good stead.

However, there are also some drawbacks. **Firstly**, taking a gap year requires extra expenditure, which can increase the financial burden. **Secondly**, without proper planning, we may become disoriented or lose sight of the initial reason for taking the year off, leading to a potential waste of time.

Planning is **therefore** crucial **when** considering a gap year. We need to determine our goals for the year **in advance** and set realistic goals. **At the same time**, it is important that we communicate with parents about our intention, as they can provide support throughout this period.

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