

TEXT COHESION PRACTICE

This exercise has been primarily designed for the B2 CEFR level. I, however, believe it can be very useful for students aspiring to the B1 CEFR level too.

Compulsory education

TASK Complete the gaps in a student's essay with the most appropriate options.

In my country, education is compulsory until the age of 16. After that, young people can leave and look for a job if they wish.

1 _____, there are two good reasons for making young people stay at school.

2 _____, it is very difficult for 16-year-olds leaving school to find work. **3**

_____ is because jobs are becoming more and more specialized and technical.

4 _____, if young people stay at school and receive education and training, they will have more opportunities in the future.

5 _____, many students would like to leave schools at 16. This is because they find school difficult or they do not enjoy studying. They would prefer to be working and earning money.

6 _____, because they are not motivated, they cause problems for students who do want to study.

I believe that in this case, they should stay at school and choose technical or practical subjects which interest them. In my opinion, **7** _____ is a mistake for people to leave school too soon, because they will miss opportunities **8** _____ may arise in the future.

1 A Although

B Despite

C However

2 A For the first time

B Firstly

C At first

3 A This

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C What

4 A IN contrast

B In addition

C In consequence

5 A On the one hand

B Therefore

C On the other hand

6 A But

B Whereas

C Also

7 A This

B it

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In my country, education is compulsory until the age of 16. After that, young people can leave and look for a job if they wish.

1 However, there are two good reasons for making young people stay at school. **2 Firstly**, it is very difficult for 16-year-olds leaving school to find work. **3 This** is because jobs are becoming more and more specialized and technical. **4 In addition**, if young people stay at school and receive education and training, they will have more opportunities in the future.

5 On the other hand, many students would like to leave schools at 16. This is because they find school difficult or they do not enjoy studying. They would prefer to be working and earning money. **6 Also**, because they are not motivated, they cause problems for students who do want to study.

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