

EDUCATION

POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS: INTERVIEWING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



INSTRUCTION SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS:

Many students come from countries where the post-secondary system is very different from Canada. Some countries have universal post-secondary education, some cultures expect parents to pay all the costs, and some cultures allow only certain students continue their education. This is an opportunity for students to interview Canadian high school students to find out what Canadian youth feel about their future, and how they are preparing for it. (It also hopes to ease some tensions that parents may be feeling with their own children who are growing up bi-cultural, caught between the “norms” of Canadian school and their parents’ own expectations). Students are to interview two Canadian high school students who will be graduating in the next few years. Preferably, one student has plans to seek post-secondary education, the other to find work right after school. Contact local high school guidance counsellors or principals to make arrangements, or perhaps some Social Studies teachers who would welcome some international visitors to their classrooms.

REQUIRED STRUCTURES: initiating conversations, asking information and open-ended questions, social registers of asking questions

REQUIRED VOCABULARY:

GROUP SIZE: individual or pair

HANDOUTS: Interview worksheet (2 per student)

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

RELATED GRAMMAR: “Wh-” questions

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:

Students compare findings in class

Chart the statistics of the interviews: how many boys, how many girls, how many are planning to go to college, how many to work, how many to go to university, how many will pay their own way, etc.

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WORKSHEET

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Interview 2 high school students (grades 10-12). Try to find one who plans to go to college or university after high school.

Talk to the students and write in their information here:

name: _____ age: _____ grade: _____

When will you graduate from high school? _____

Are you looking forward to it? Why or why not? _____

Are you planning to take more schooling after high school? yes or no

If yes..., Where do you hope to go?

What do you want to study?

Why?

What are you doing to prepare to get admitted?

How do you plan to pay tuition?

If no..., What are your plans?

Will you stay in this city or move?

Why?

Do you think it will be difficult for you to find a job?
