Four people's regrets

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At what age do people usually begin to work in your country?

At what age do people usually retire in your country?



What are the teenagers doing in the pictures?



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Intensive

involving a lot of effort or activity in a short period of time.

two weeks of intensive training

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Qualification

an official record showing that you have finished a training course or have the necessary skills, etc.

You'll never get a good job if you don't have any qualifications.

Read the words in the box. Which words are related to study and qualifications?

college degree volunteer license
lesson graduate intensive course

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Alfred

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Emily

COMPREHENSION

4 16.1 Read and listen to the texts again and answer the questions.

1 Why does Alfred wish that he had learned to play the piano?
2 Why does Alfred think that he will learn to play it some day?
3 What did William want to do when he was a child?
4 Why couldn't William take the job in Australia?
5 What is William doing to enable him to do the job in the future?
6 What opportunity does Anne wish she had taken?
7 What stopped Anne from taking the opportunity?
8 When does Anne think that she might still fulfill her wish?
9 Why didn't Emily take driving lessons when she was younger?
10 What would Emily be able to do if she had learned to drive?

Summary

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Analyze the text

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Answer please!

Have you ever experienced the same regrets they have in the text above?
What are they?
Do you know anyone with the same regrets?

Speaking

1- What are your plans for your future career?
2- What are the most common jobs in your country?
3-In what ways are a doctor and a judge differernt?
4-Do you have a part-time job? If so, what do you do?

Homework

Make a presentation about volunteer jobs which you prefer doing?
Financial / Educational / Athletic / Medical