

#### 1 Circle the correct words.

- 1 My sister got married when she was young because she wanted to *settle* / *complete* / *start* a family.
- 2 I don't know how I am ever going to pay *out* / *down* / *off* my student loan.
- 3 You're not seriously thinking of dropping *in* / *out* / *down* of university, are you?
- 4 Isn't it about time that you settled *down* / *up* / *in*?
- 5 I'd love to take a year *on* / *down* / *off* and just do nothing.
- 6 My father is going to take early *retired* / *retirement* / *retire*.
- 7 My brother *completed* / *left* / *terminated* school when he was 16.
- 8 Perhaps you should think about *changing* / *altering* / *transforming* career.

#### 2 Complete the email with the correct form of some of the expressions from Exercise 1.

Hi Damian,

How's it going? I haven't heard from you for a while. You haven't finally <sup>1</sup>.....*settled*..... down and <sup>2</sup>..... a family in secret, have you? Anyway, I hope everything is OK and that your acting career is going well. I saw you on an advert for coffee the other day!

Oh, did I tell you? My sister has <sup>3</sup>..... out of Oxford. Can you believe it? There she is studying at one of the very best universities in the world, when she suddenly decides she's had enough of it. She's going to <sup>4</sup>..... a year off and 'find herself'. My parents are not happy about it at all. They say that my sister doesn't understand that finding yourself costs money.

I haven't got that much news. I'm still living in the same grotty place. I'm still single. I still haven't <sup>5</sup>..... my student loan off. I spent most days daydreaming in the office about <sup>6</sup>..... career. I just can't think of anything I could do! Oh, well. It's not that bad, I suppose. I'm lucky I've got a job. I won't lose any sleep over it.

Email soon. It's been too long!

Sam

#### 3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.

generation browse legs suburban  
desirable fumes leisurely  
overseas interfere smug

- 1 I don't like him at all. He's much too pleased with himself. He's so .....*smug*.....
- 2 I don't often buy books, but I enjoy ..... through the bestsellers whenever I go into a bookshop.
- 3 Shall we go for a ..... walk along the river?
- 4 Do you think our ..... is only interested in fame and celebrity?
- 5 I think these trainers are on their last ....., don't you?
- 6 My sister wants to work .....
- 7 Will you please stop .....? I know exactly what I'm doing.
- 8 Could you imagine living on a ..... housing estate?
- 9 There are far too many cars on the road. All I do when I walk down the street is breath in exhaust .....
- 10 Only people with a lot of money can afford to buy a house in one of those parts of London that estate agents describe as .....