

ESSAY ABOUT DIFFICULT DECISIONS

Before You Write

Read Paul's essay. Then complete the chart.

Choosing a career is a very difficult decision. I don't know what I'd really like to do, but I know very well what I'd rather not do.

Given the choice, I'd rather not have a job that is stressful. A stressful job can be dangerous for your health. Also, I'd prefer not to work long hours. Working long hours interferes with your family life. In addition, I'd rather not choose a career that requires studying. In fact, I'd prefer not to study at all. I find studying very stressful.

Making the right career choice is not going to be easy. For this reason, I'm going to take a long long vacation before I decide!

Things the writer doesn't want		Reasons
1.	a stressful job	dangerous for your health
2.		
3.		

Your First Draft

A Think of a decision that is difficult to make. Make a chart with things you want (or don't want). Give reasons.

B Write an essay about the decision. Use the information in your chart and Paul's essay as a model.

C PAIR WORK Read your partner's essay. Write answers to these questions.

1. What is the decision?
2. Is the explanation of the reasons clear?
3. Can you suggest any improvements to the content or grammar?

Your Second Draft

Use your partner's answers to revise your essay.