

ARTICLE ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Before You Write

Read the article and look at the events in **bold**. Underline the events that are also true in your country.

High school students in the U.S.

Before they graduate, many American **high school students find after-school jobs and get their driver's licenses**. They may also **take college entrance exams**, such as the SAT or ACT. About a month before graduation, **they attend the prom, a formal dance**. Boys rent tuxedos, and girls buy elegant evening gowns. Some look like Hollywood stars!

When students graduate from high school, **there is a big ceremony**. Parents, grandparents, and other relatives attend. Many local communities **throw big parties** for the graduates.

After graduation, **some graduates go to a four-year university**. **Others go to trade schools** and become electricians or hairstylists. **Others enter the military**. **Still others get jobs that don't require education**.

Your First Draft

A Complete the chart with information about high school students in your country.

Before graduation	Graduation	After graduation

B Write an article about high school students in your country. Write one paragraph about life before graduation, one about graduation, and one about life after graduation. Use your notes and the article above as a model.

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

1. What do you like about the article?
2. What information is unclear?
3. What else do you want to know?

Your Second Draft

Use your partner's answers to revise your article.