

I want to do a summer course

LEARNING OUTCOME

learn how to complete an application form

Everyday life

1 Look at the photo and answer the questions.

Where are the people and what are they doing?

What questions might an application form for a summer course ask?



Everyday vocabulary

2 Below are some sentences that people who want to do a summer course may say. What do the words in *italics* mean?I want to *improve* my vocabulary.I've always been *interested* in helping people.I'm *fascinated* by words.I would like to be *able* to write more accurately.My *ambition* is to be a computer technician.

Dialogue

3 04 Listen to the dialogue. What course does Jenny want to study and why?

Jenny and Max are friends. Jenny wants to do a course this summer.

Max: Hi Jenny, what are you doing?

Jenny: Hi Max, I want to do a summer course and (1)

Max: Really. What are you going to study?

Jenny: English and Creative Writing.

Max: Cool. What do you want to do in the future?

Jenny: I'd love to be a journalist or write a blog. I'm fascinated by words. (2)

Max: My ambition is to be a computer technician. My dream job would be working in the US. (3) and I've always been interested in helping people.

Jenny: Well, you can help me now!

(4) 'Why do you want

to take this course?' and 'Tell us about your experience.'

Max: Well, you've been studying English for five years.

Jenny: True, and I've written several poems.

Max: And you watch TV series in English.

Jenny: (5) well, I'm passionate about writing and I'd like to be able to write more accurately and to improve my vocabulary.

Max: What's that last question?

Jenny: Oh, it's about any dietary requirements.

(6) I can't eat products with flour in them.

Max: Really. I don't like spinach. Does that count?

Jenny: Er ... no, Max. Thanks for your help.

4 Read and complete the dialogue with the phrases (a-f). Then listen again and check.

a As for why ...

d What about you?

b I'm allergic to gluten.

e I'm good at technology ...

c I'm stuck on these two sections:

f I'm filling in the online application.

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Look at the expressions from the dialogue. Who says each one: Max or Jenny? Put each expression in the spaces (1–4) under the correct heading. Add any other expressions you know to each category.

I am allergic to gluten; I am passionate about writing; I've written several poems; My dream job would be working in the US.

Reasons for study

(1)

Experience

(2)

Career ambitions

(3)

Dietary requirements

(4)

Over to you!

5 Work in pairs. One of you is applying for an online course, the other is helping with their application. Follow the steps below and send each other written texts. Use the expressions in 2 and in the Everyday English Toolkit. Then change roles.

Step 1: Student A: Think of a course that you would like to study in the summer.

Step 2: Student B: Ask Student A about the following:

- What they are going to study and why
- What experience they have in this subject
- What their future ambitions are
- If they have any dietary requirements

You can use these prompts to help your partner: *Go on, tell me more. / Is there anything more you'd like to say*