Read the text on taking a "gap year" then write an essay based on the question below.

Is a "gap year" between school and university a good idea or is it a waste of time? Discuss. Write about 150-180 words.

Here are some comments made by young people:

"A gap year helps you grow up and become more mature."

"You don't achieve anything in a gap year-you just laze around"

"It's an opportunity to have a break from studying and do something really different."

"If you travel in a gap year it's very expensive. I'd rather use the money to help with my studies."

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