



Lesson 96: Graduation

Exercise 01

Vocabulary

graduation	(N)	the act of receiving a degree from a school, college or university	I went on a tour of Europe after graduation .
owe (someone) a lot	(Phrase)	to feel grateful to someone for something they have done	I am always thankful that you are my friend. I really owe you a lot . In the future I hope I can repay you for your kindness.
application	(N)	a formal, written request for something, such as a job, place at a university, etc.	This is an application form for a bank loan.
resume	(N)	a document that describes a person's education, previous jobs, etc. that is sent when applying for a job	You have a very impressive resume .
out-of-town	(ADJ)	located or happening in a different place	I really love out-of-town trips because they are so relaxing. However, they cost a lot.
professional	(N)	someone who has a lot of skill and experience in a particular job or activity	He is finally considered a professional after working so many years in the field.
diligence	(N)	careful hard work or effort	Many people have noticed your exceptional diligence on this project.



Exercise 02

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Liam and his older brother are talking after Liam has received his diploma.



Nathan

Congratulations on your graduation, Liam! I am so proud of you! Also, mom and dad are very proud of what you've achieved.



Liam

This is all for mom and dad. Thanks for all your help, brother. I owe you a lot. You've been a great inspiration as well.



Nathan

Well, it's because of your hard work and diligence, so you should be proud of yourself. Anyway, what is your plan after this?



Liam

I have already filled out some applications and sent my resume to different companies, so I think I will be busy with interviews for the next few days.



Nathan

Don't you think you should give yourself a break first? You know, take an out-of-town trip or something before you enter the real world? You have the rest of your life to work anyway.



Liam

I think it would be good for me to work right away, since I enjoy my field. That way, I can earn some money and help our parents out.



Nathan

That's so kind of you. I am really proud of the person you've become. Come on! Let's go celebrate with mom and dad.



Check your understanding:

- Why did Liam thank Nathan?
- What is Liam's plan after graduation?
- Why doesn't he want to go on an out-of-town trip?

Exercise 03**Role Play**

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation:

- Your friend has just graduated.
- Congratulate your friend on his/her accomplishment and talk about his/her future plans.
- Your teacher will play the role of your friend.

Exercise 04**Discussion**

- 1) What is your plan after the graduation? If you have already graduated, what was your plan?
- 2) Who did/will you thank after graduating? Why?
- 3) How would you like to celebrate your graduation?
- 4) How do you think people feel during their graduation ceremony?
- 5) Which do you think is better: life while studying at school or life while working? Why?

