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Jill: *I thought you wanted to be a dental hygienist. That's what you've talked about for years. Working in a dental office and meeting lots of people and being able to have the best smile in town. Remember? You also talked about being an ambulance or critical care worker.*

Anisa: *Yeah, but I knew that those jobs would give me good money. Now I figure that if I go into Business at university I will make even more money.*

Jill: *That's cool but did you ever think that you should love what you are doing? And also, you hate studying and you're not a reader. You are great with "hands on" things. You will die sitting through two hour lectures and doing major essays.*

Anisa: *Yes, you are right about that. I really have been brainwashed by all my relatives to go to university and get a job that makes me financially independent. Is it possible to apply to both university and college at the same time, I wonder?*



Jill: *Yes, it is. I know someone who is doing that.*

Anisa: *Great. Thanks for being so up-front with me. It really helps to have a friend like you. You know me too well. I would probably have ended up dropping out!*

Kevin and Mo Discuss Reasons For Going To University



Kevin: *I picked "f: I need to get away from home" and "n: I am eager to finally have freedom and independence" as my main reasons for going to university. What I really want to do is go to Australia and work for "Adventure Trips." This is an amazing company! I am just not ready for university. I feel that with all my personal problems in high school I just need some space and time away to sort out my priorities right now.*

Mo: *Then why are you applying to university? There is lots of time. It's not a race.*

Kevin: *Yeah, but my father feels that if I don't go now, I will never go. He is pushing me hard.*

Mo: *You know that it's not true, don't you? That you will never go. You are brilliant. Nobody can take that away from you. You have a social conscience. You love to learn new things.*



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Do you believe that you will change your mind about going to university after you travel a bit?

Kevin: *No, not at all. But my father has said that he will withdraw funds if I don't go this coming year.*



Mo: *Your dad is a good guy. He's like a father to me too. I think he's just afraid right now. He can't get into your head so you have to talk to him and assure him that it will be all right.*

Kevin: *But what if I can't?*

Mo: *I think that you have to go to university for the right reasons and if you're not feelin' it right now you should wait. If you are not into it, you'll be wasting his money and your time.*

Kevin: *What if he's right? What if I won't want to go to university the next year?*

Mo: *Then, it will be because it is not right for you then either. You have always made good decisions. What makes you think you won't in the future?*

Kevin: *Yeah, you're right. I really need to talk to him and take ownership of my life.*

Viv and Dylan Discuss Reasons For Going To University

Viv: *I picked "d: All my friends are going." and "r: "I want to party hearty" as my top reasons for going to university. All my friends really are going and we are all applying to the same universities. We've made a pact that we'll go together and have a blast. Friends to the end!*



Dylan: *I know that I'm not really in your posse. I'm just your geek friend who helps you to study, but your plan sounds a bit lame. Why would you want to go to university and hang with the same people you are already friends with? Don't you want to meet new people?*

Viv: *Yes. But not on my own. I can trust my friends so when the party gets a bit out there I won't have to worry. We're all going to join a sorority together. It will be hot.*

Dylan: *So you are choosing your post-high school program and your university based on your social life?*

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