

**A Match the words with their definitions.**

(to) graduate	•	•	(to) request something, formally and in writing
an undergraduate	•	•	a verbal or written request, for example for a job
(to) apply for	•	•	(to) successfully complete a degree or diploma
dramatic	•	•	spectacular
an application	•	•	a university student who has not passed a degree or a diploma yet

**B Match the words with their synonyms.**

an internship	•	•	(to) hope to + V
a surge	•	•	a sudden increase
a survey	•	•	a work placement
(to) expect to + V	•	•	an opinion poll

**C Say what these numbers correspond to.**

36 %	•	•	number of students surveyed out of the total number of students
11 %	•	•	students who did an internship and can get a good job after university
1/5	•	•	students who received a job offer because they did an internship during their studies
11 %	•	•	students who intend to take time off after graduating and before joining the job market

**D Say whether these statements are true or false. Justify your answer by quoting the text.**

1. More than a third of the students who had completed a work placement had obtained a job offer.

TRUE: "Research shows that some 36 per cent of students completing a work experience placement had received at least one definite job offer."

2. Experts believe work experience is not very important for students to prepare for the job market.

FALSE: "Experts warned that work experience was "no longer an option extra" for universities and had increasingly become an essential element of preparing for the employment market."

3. Almost half of the students of the survey wanted to start working after graduating from university.

TRUE: "It emerged that 44 per cent of finalists were expecting to join the job market straight from university."

E. This document is an article written by Graeme Paton, from The Telegraph, published on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2013 and dealing with the importance of taking internships in higher education because it increases the chances of finding a job.

Explain in your own words why students should complete a work experience placement during their studies. Use arguments found in the text as well as from your own experience.

**Exemple de production possible :**

Nowadays, it is essential for students to complete a work experience placement during their studies for several reasons.

Firstly, internships allow students to discover the world of work and to apply the skills they have learnt at school. In fact, what they learn at school seems sometimes very far away from office work but working alongside professionals helps them realise their scholar training remains a solid way of acquiring technical knowledge.

Secondly, work experience is extremely valued by companies because it means that junior employees have already faced the requirements of the job market and that they consequently need less training. In addition, having that extra experience on their CV is definitely an asset recruiters are looking for when analysing a résumé.

To conclude, we can say that students should try and get work experience in companies in order to have the best chances to get a good position after graduating.

