

A DIFFICULT DECISION

1 Read the texts and put them in the correct order.

1. d 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

- a. Unfortunately, if I do this, my parents will be really angry. The other option is to leave school and go and study at college and if I do this, my parents will be pleased but my girlfriend won't because the college is in another town. If I go and study there, I won't see her much.
- b. If I do this, my parents will be happy and so will my girlfriend because she is definitely going to continue studying here. The next option is to leave school and look for a job. If I choose this one, and if I find a job, I will have more money, which will be good. This will also make my girlfriend happy.
- c. Obviously, the first option is the one that makes my girlfriend and my parents happy, but I think it's the one that I personally don't want. I need a change and if I stay at this school I think I'll be unmotivated and bored. Therefore, it looks like there is no option that will please everybody: What can I do? If someone would give me some advice, I would be very grateful!
- d. On the 30th of June I have to make a decision and that's not long since now we're in April. I'm 16 and finishing my last year of mandatory high school this year and I'm not sure what to do next. I have to choose between three options. The first choice is to stay at school for two more years and there are some advantages to this.

2 Reread and answer the questions.

1. When does he have to make a decision?
 on June 30th
2. What month is it now?

3. Who would be happy with the first option?

4. Why would the second option be good?

5. Who won't be happy if he chooses option 2?

6. Which choice does he like the least and why?

7. What would happen if he stayed at school?

8. When would he be grateful?

> Write

3 Imagine you have the same three choices as the boy in the text. What would you do if you chose each option?

If I decided to stay at school, I would continue seeing all my friends but I'd also have to ...
