



## Choices and Consequences

### Why I Left College, Twice

#### Vocabulary 2: Education in the USA

1. Read the following text about the educational system in the USA. Fill in the blanks with these words:

*13th – grade – high school – parts – pay – primary – school – secondary – semesters – studies – university – year*

- a. In America, children start \_\_\_\_\_ around the age of six. They attend primary and \_\_\_\_\_ school for a combined total of 12 years, starting in first grade and ending in 12th \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ school, which is also called "elementary school," lasts five or six years and is followed by secondary school.
- c. Secondary school consists of two \_\_\_\_\_: the first is "middle school" or "junior high school" and the second part is "\_\_\_\_\_".
- d. After graduating high school in 12th grade, American students can attend college or \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. College and university programs begin in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of school. A college program usually lasts 2-4 years, whereas \_\_\_\_\_ at universities last longer.
- f. The school \_\_\_\_\_ usually runs from September until May or June and is divided into \_\_\_\_\_. Most schools use a semester system made up of two sessions: fall (September to December) and spring (January to May).
- g. American students \_\_\_\_\_ tuition when attending college or university.