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Level 0 – 3rd April 2025

Generation Z is facing a 'career apocalypse'

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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It is difficult for Gen Zers to find a job. A Gen Zer is born between the mid 1990s and early 2010s. A journalist warned of a "career apocalypse". She said Gen Zers must "prepare for the worst". A British journalist said people are studying for "worthless degrees". He said young people would "be much better off" as electricians.

There are over 4 million Gen Zers not in work in the USA. Many people cannot find jobs because of AI, which is replacing many jobs. Teachers, accountants, writers, etc. could disappear. Some people say graduates want to join a company at a management level. They want good money in their very first job.

Sources: <https://fortune.com/2025/03/25/gen-z-neet-not-in-education-employment-training-higher-ed-worthless-degrees-college/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. It is hard | a. the world |
| 2. university | b. work |
| 3. looking for | c. graduates |
| 4. It is becoming | d. for the worst |
| 5. find a | e. difficult |
| 6. uncertainty in | f. better off |
| 7. graduates must prepare | g. for young people |
| 8. young people would be much | h. job |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. 4 million Gen Zers not | a. a management level |
| 2. Many people cannot | b. disappear |
| 3. an increasing | c. first job |
| 4. other jobs could | d. number of jobs |
| 5. graduates do not want to do | e. paid |
| 6. enter a company at | f. "entry-level" jobs |
| 7. They want to be well | g. find jobs |
| 8. their very | h. in school or work |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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It (1) _____ Gen Zers to find a job. A Gen Zer is born between the mid 1990s (2) _____. A journalist warned of (3) _____. She said Gen Zers must "prepare (4) _____. A British journalist said people are studying (5) _____. He said young people would "be (6) _____" as electricians.

(7) _____ 4 million Gen Zers not (8) _____ the USA. Many people cannot find (9) _____ AI, which is replacing many jobs.

Teachers, accountants, writers, (10) _____.

Some people say graduates (11) _____ a company at a management level. They want good money in their (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CAREERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about careers in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **careers** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
