Unit 1 — Transition After Grade 10 — Teacher copy

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1. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Vocabulary — transition

apprenticeship, vocational training (Berufsausbildung), FOS/BOS (Fachoberschule / Berufsoberschule), gap year, internship, certificate, application, deadline, shortlist, interview, on-the-job training, dual system, employer reference.

Reading — *Three Paths from Maja's Class*

Three students from Maja's class chose three different paths. Lukas signed an apprenticeship contract with a local electrician. Lina applied to the FOS in Stuttgart. Adam took a gap year and wrote that a year of working as a forest ranger had changed his sense of time.

Grammar — third conditional

Use **third conditional** for past unreal regrets / alternatives. Form: *If* + past perfect, *would have* + past participle.

- *If I had applied earlier, I would have got a place.*
- *If she had not taken the gap year, she wouldn't have met that mentor.*
- *I wouldn't have decided so fast if I had known.*

2. Practise

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1. Build the third conditional: *(if / I / apply / earlier / I / get / a place)* → ___ .
2. Match path → action: apprenticeship → contract; FOS → application; gap year → trial work.

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3. Build 4 third-conditional sentences about a real or imagined past decision.

3. Your turn

Reflection, 150 words. Write about a decision you are facing or a past one. Use 2 third conditionals + 1 second conditional + 1 *despite/because of*.

Sample

If I had been more open in Klasse 8, I would have applied to more apprenticeships. I wasn't, so I am now reading every leaflet twice. Despite the pressure of deciding, I think the right path is the FOS — partly because I want a longer track, partly because I am curious. If I were absolutely sure today, I would probably worry less. But if I had waited another six months for certainty, I would have missed the deadline. Imperfect decisions, made on time, are still real decisions. That is what I am telling myself this week.

4. Further reading / listening

- BBC Bitesize Careers — *Choices after 16*.
- Bundesagentur für Arbeit — *BERUFENET* (auf Deutsch, but accessible).

5. Teacher answer key

G. 1. *If I had applied earlier, I would have got a place.*

2. all true.

M. 3. Open.