

Intermediate 1
Unit 3 Dialog
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Accomplishments

accomplish (verb) = to finish something successfully or to achieve something

American ⇒ /ə'kɑ:m.plɪʃ/

British ⇒ /ə'kʌm.plɪʃ/

The students accomplished the task in less than ten minutes.

She accomplished such a lot during her visit.

I feel as if I've accomplished nothing since I left my job.

accomplishment = achievement = something that is successful, or that is achieved after a lot of work or effort

American ⇒ /ə'kɑ:m.plɪʃ.mənt/

British ⇒ /ə'kʌm.plɪʃ.mənt/

Getting the two leaders to sign a peace treaty was his greatest accomplishment.

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Yesterday was Alison's birthday.

Grandma: So, how does it feel to be twenty-one?

Alison: Kind of strange. I feel I'm not getting ahead fast enough.

How does it feel to be 21? = How do you feel about being 21 years old?

kind of = sort of ⇒ (used when you are trying to explain or describe something, but you cannot be exact)

It was kind of strange to see him again.

kinda (colloquial) = kind of

colloquial = conversational and informal

strange = unusual, odd, abnormal

get ahead = make progress = to be successful in the work that you do

It's tough for a woman to get ahead in politics.

Grandma: But haven't you achieved quite a bit already?

Alison: You're right. But I still haven't decided on a career.

achieve /ə'tʃi:v/ = accomplish = to succeed in finishing something or reaching an aim, especially after a lot of work or effort

She finally achieved her ambition to visit South America.

I've been working all day, but I feel as if I've achieved nothing.

quite = rather, fairly, almost

a bit = a little

quite a bit (expression) = quite a lot; a considerable amount

- *There's still quite a bit of soup left if you'd like to take some home.*
- *Things have changed quite a bit.*
- *He's quite a bit older than me.*
- *They're worth quite a bit of money.*

Haven't you achieved quite a bit already? = Haven't you had many achievements in your life until now?

decide = make up one's mind, make a decision

decide on = choose

I still haven't decided on a career. = I haven't chosen my job yet.

career = job, occupation, profession

Grandma: Well, what do you hope you'll have achieved by, let's say, thirty?

Alison: For one thing, I hope I'll have seen more of the world.

let's say = for example

by = before

by thirty = before the age of 30

for one thing = as one example or reason (out of several potential ones)

Point:

You can say **for one thing** when you are explaining a statement or answering a question, to suggest that you are not giving the whole explanation or answer, and that there are other points that you could add to it.

- *She was an excellent colleague. For one thing, she was very reliable.*
- *She was unable to sell it, because for one thing its size was awkward.*
- *'How have the sanctions affected your life in Belgrade?'—'Well, for one thing, we already have shortages.'*
- *A lot of people don't take the time to read contracts. For one thing, they're often in very tiny print.*

The Formula of the Future Perfect Tense:

Subject + will/won't + have + Past Participle + ...

Examples:

I'll have achieved...

I'll have seen...

I'll have set up...

Point:

We use the future perfect tense when an action is completed before another action or a particular time in the future.

Grandma: And anything more important than that?

Alison: Well, I hope I will have set up my own business by then.

by then = before that time

set up = establish, found

- *Steve Jobs founded the Apple Corporation.*

founder = a person who establishes something new

- *Steve Jobs was the founder of the Apple Corporation.*

entrepreneur = a person who sets up his/her own business and doesn't work for other people.

- *Alison wants to be an entrepreneur.*

entrepreneurship = being an entrepreneur

- *The key to becoming very rich is entrepreneurship.*

Alison is dissatisfied with her progress in life because she hasn't chosen her future job yet. She wants to travel more in the future, and more importantly, she wants to set up her own business and become an entrepreneur.

Full Text:

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Sample Summary:

In this heartwarming conversation, Alison's grandmother engages her in a post-birthday chat over coffee. Curious about how it feels to be twenty-one, Grandma asks Alison, who admits feeling strange and concerned about her progress. Grandma reminds her of her existing accomplishments, but Alison confesses she hasn't yet chosen a career path. Looking ahead, Grandma inquires about Alison's aspirations for the future. Alison hopes to explore more of the world and dreams of establishing her own business by the age of thirty. It's a delightful exchange filled with reflections on achievements and dreams!

Sample Summary:

In this friendly chat, Alison's grandmother talks to her the day after her birthday while they enjoy coffee together. Grandma asks Alison how it feels to be twenty-one, and Alison admits feeling a bit strange and worried about not progressing quickly enough. Grandma reminds her of her achievements so far, but Alison confesses she hasn't yet decided on a career. Looking ahead, Grandma asks what Alison hopes to achieve by the age of thirty. Alison shares that she wants to explore more of the world and dreams of having her own business. It's a delightful conversation filled with reflections on accomplishments and future goals!

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