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Arranging visas, sorting out accommodation both abroad and for your return, registering for modules and meeting all of the deadlines for paperwork is solely up to you. You will get prodded by your university, but you need to take a proactive approach, as study abroad teams tend to be small, whilst the number of students being sent and received is vast.

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Many of those venturing further afield outside of this programme have already left and can provide some valuable lessons for those still preparing to go. Utilising pre-existing networks of students can provide invaluable information that can make all the difference to daily life abroad.

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Marcus Baird, twenty, a student from the same university, and currently spending a term in Adelaide, Australia, adds to this with advice on the importance of researching your accommodation thoroughly beforehand. Prices can vary wildly and it can be hard to gauge the best locations from online maps alone. Also important is to come prepared for any mishaps, which means having important documents to hand, as well as key phrases memorised if you don't speak the language.

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So, all things considered, I would encourage those teetering on the edge to give it serious thought before dismissing the idea altogether.

4 **SPEAKING** In your notebook, replace the words underlined below with stronger adjectives or adverbs in blue in the article. Which sentences are true for you? Why?

- 1 I am very involved in school programmes.
actively
- 2 I usually research a new place well before I travel there.
- 3 Part-time work experience will prove very useful in future.
- 4 My dependable friends always meet me on time.
- 5 I am going to need a much increased allowance!
- 6 I think that entry tickets to the clubs round here are much too high.

5 In your notebook, write one word for each gap. Then look at the underlined phrases in the article to check. Use the phrases to describe an experience of your own.

- 1 Leah thought she would breeze through any culture shock, but in fact she found it difficult to adjust to life abroad.
- 2 Young travellers often get ? ? before a big trip. But in the end, they always step outside of their ? ? and try something new.
- 3 I think you need to take a ? ? in life – you can't wait around for things to happen!
- 4 I'm always venturing ? ? when I travel – I like to go to places that most other people don't manage to get to.
- 5 We were ? ? on the ? ? before we decided to go on the hike. But in the end, we were able to ? ? the energy to get off the sofa and it turned out to be a great day.
- 6 Last year, Helen made the slightly ? ? to study abroad.
- 7 Studying in another country doesn't need to be a ? ? into the unknown. By ? ? pre-existing networks you can make friends and find a place to live.

FOCUS ON WORDS | Collocations

6 **1.20** In your notebook, match the verbs from box A with the words from box B. Refer to the article for help if necessary. Listen and check. Then write an example sentence for each collocation.

A	1 break	2 dismiss	3 have	4 give	5 meet
	6 stand out				
B	reservations	the monotony	from the crowd		
	the deadlines	it serious thought	the idea		

1 break the monotony

7 **SPEAKING** What advice would you give a foreign student thinking of studying in your country? Think about the points and add one more of your own. Explain your advice to a partner using the words and phrases from Exercises 4, 5 and 6.

- choosing a university
- finding accommodation
- learning the language
- understanding the culture
- preparing for the climate