Seq 02: My projects and initiatives

My future expectations

I often wonder about my future as I am about to finish Middle School. The first question on my mind is which profession should I choose? I want a profession that will satisfy me, challenge me and bring me joy. I believe that a job should be like a hobby. I want to love my work.

First of all, as soon as I finish Middle School, I will take an important exam, the BEM exam. I will be tested in different subjects: English and French languages, Biology and physics, Arabic, mathematics...etc . If I pass my exam, I will move to Secondary School where I will study for 3 years. If I pass my BAC, I will study Pharmacy or Medicine at the University to become a pharmacist or a doctor.

Also, before I have a family, I will travel overseas. I want to see countries like Japan, Finland and South Africa. After I finish my education and travels, I will get married. I would like to live with my future family in a quiet, natural countryside setting.

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My Dream Job

*What do you dream of? You may say it's too private but I'd like to tell you about my dream. My name is Sarah. I am 16. And I live in a small town. I live with mother. So we don't have enough money to travel. And my mum worries about me so much that it's impossible to imagine us apart. You think I complain but I don't. I like to know that there is somebody **who** cares for me every minute. And I can dream.*

*My dream is to go somewhere abroad where people speak English. You know I am pretty good at English. I can communicate in English. I have some friends from abroad and we can talk on the Internet. **They** tell me about their countries, customs and traditions. I hope my future occupation will be connected with travelling, something like an interpreter or air hostess. And I will see all those wonderful things I am told about. That's why I do my best to study English. It's an international language and every modern educated man must know it.*

Have you ever watched the documentary "Secret"? The main idea of this film is that people's thoughts are material. If you really want something, it will come true. That's why every night before going to bed I close my eyes and dream of visiting new places and meeting new people.

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Educational system in Algeria

The pre-university educational system in Algeria consists of three important stages. First, pupils go to primary school at six. They study there for five years. At the age of eleven, they take a final primary school exam. When they succeed, they will move to middle school. The middle school goes for 4 years, from MS1 to MS4. Students take the brevet exam at the end of MS4. If they manage to get a pass, they will go to the lycée. There are many streams in the lycée. Students can choose at the end of the first year in the lycée the stream which they like best if they meet the required standards. Studies in the lycée run for three years. In the third year, they take the baccalaureate exam. The baccalaureate is a diploma which allows its holders to register at university.

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The pleasure of success

Success depends really upon your efforts. If you work hard, you will succeed. If you don't make efforts you will never feel the pleasure of success. If you don't work by your own, no one will give you anything. Perhaps someone will help you once or twice but will not continue helping you forever.

You are a pupil, start by working to succeed at your exams. It is your last year at the middle school, so try to get good results and go to secondary school. This will be possible only if you get good results. If your average is equal or superior to 10/20 which is defined by the ministry of education, You will be admitted to the first year of the secondary education.

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