

Reading

1 BEFORE YOU READ

CLASS. Read the chart. What types of colleges are there in your community?

	Community college	College	University
Degrees offered	Associate's Degree (2 years)	Bachelor's Degree (4 years)	Bachelor's Degree (4 years)
			Master's Degree (2 more years)
			Doctor of Philosophy (4-7 more years)

2 READ

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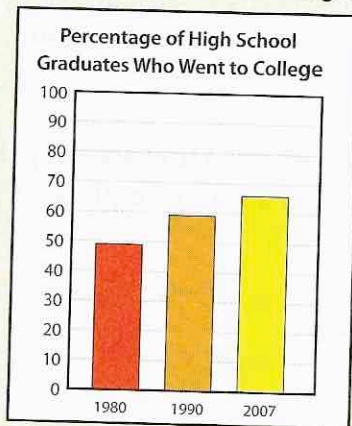
Listen. Read the article.

Going to College

Thinking of going to college? Here are some things you should know.

Rising College Enrollment

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 49 percent of high school graduates in 1980 went to college. Fifty-nine percent went to college in 1990. In 2007, over 66 percent of high school graduates went to college. Every year more and more Americans decide that going to college is a way to a better future.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The Cost of College

But going to college costs a lot. Today, the average cost of tuition is between \$2,000 and \$22,000 a year. This does not include the cost of

books, housing, and food. These can cost between \$8,000 and \$16,000 more a year.

Average Cost of Tuition	
Private College	\$22,000
Public College	\$ 6,000
Community College	\$ 2,000

Paying for College

How do people pay for tuition? Many students get financial aid—scholarships, grants, and loans. Many students get loans. Some students get scholarships because their grades are good. Some students get grants because their income is low. Scholarships and grants are the best kind of financial aid because you don't have to pay them back. You do have to pay back student loans after you graduate. Most students use a combination of scholarships, grants, and loans to pay the high cost of college.

3 CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

A PAIRS. Read the article again. What are the three main points of the article?

B Look at the graph about high school graduates in the article. Answer the questions.

1. What do the numbers on the left side of the graph mean?
 - a. the percentage of high school graduates who went to college
 - b. the number of high school graduates who went to college
2. What percentage of high school graduates went to college in 1980?
 - a. 50
 - b. 60
3. How many high school graduates went to college in 2007?
 - a. 65,000
 - b. the graph doesn't say

Reading Skill:

Use Information in Charts and Tables

Authors sometimes use graphs and tables to present information. This information supports the author's main ideas.

C Read the statements. Circle *True* or *False*.

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| 1. Today, fewer high school graduates go to college than in the past. | True | False |
| 2. The cost of books, housing, and food for one year can be between \$8,000 and \$16,000. | True | False |
| 3. One year of tuition at a community college is \$6,000. | True | False |
| 4. Three types of financial aid are scholarships, grants, and loans. | True | False |
| 5. You have to pay back grants and loans. | True | False |

D PAIRS. Compare your answers. Correct the false statements.

Show what you know!

PRE-WRITING. PAIRS. Is going to college one of your goals? Explain your answer.

WRITE. Write about your educational goals. See page 272.