1 Work in pairs. At what age are you allowed to do these things in your country?

- open a bank account
- ride a motorbike
- get married

2 Quickly read the texts in exercise 3 and answer questions 1–4 in your notebook.

1 Text A: What ages are Ellie and Jacob?
2 Text B: What is the minimum age at which people can get married?
3 Text C: What has Phil probably asked Bob?
4 Text D: Why is the author surprised?

TIP W przypadku pytania o gatunek tekstu należy określić, czy tekst jest np. artykułem czy wpisem na blogu. Zastanów się, jakie zwroty występują w tekście, w jakim celu został on napisany i czy jego styl jest formalny, czy nieformalny.

4 Find words in the texts in exercise 3 which mean the same as these words and phrases. Write them in your notebook.

1 not new (Text A)
2 lowest possible (Text B)
3 jobs and work (Text B)
4 an official document (Text C)
5 not a child (Text D)

5 In small groups, discuss the questions.

At what age should people be able to ...

- travel alone on public transport?
- drive a car?
- vote for the country's president or PM?
- join the army?
- get a part-time job?
- get married?
- get a tattoo?

3 Przeczytaj ramkę *TIP* powyżej. Następnie przeczytaj teksty A–D. W zadaniach (1–4) z podanych odpowiedzi wybierz właściwą (A, B lub C), zgodną z treścią tekstu. Odpowiedzi zapisz w zeszycie.

Text A

New message

Hi Lena,

Thanks for a great party last weekend!

I'm planning to have driving lessons next month when I'm seventeen, so could you send me a link to that website with second-hand cars? I want to buy one. Imagine – I'll pass my test soon hopefully, but I won't have a car to drive. That would be silly!

Thanks!

Ellie

New message

Hi Danny!

As you know, tomorrow is my sixteenth birthday and, for a present, my parents are paying for my first driving lesson. I've met my driving instructor and she's really friendly. Wish me luck! I'll tell you about it at my party on Saturday night. Are you coming in your new car?

Jacob

1 Both texts are about
A buying a car.
B learning to drive.
C organising a party.

Text B

The minimum legal age for getting married in most countries is sixteen, but this does not mean that lots of young people do so at that age. Military service, education and careers are all the reasons why people delay marriage until they are in their twenties or older, even though the law says they can do so at a much younger age.

2 The writer says that people often marry
A as soon as the law allows them to.
B before they have major responsibilities in life.
C when they are a lot older than the minimum age.

Text C

Hi Phil,

1 *Let me know if you need any more information.*
2 *You also have to have a licence, but you don't need to take a test.*
3 *To answer your question: you can ride a motorbike at sixteen but there are some restrictions.*
4 *First of all, the engine must be no bigger than 50cc.*

Bob

3 The correct order of the sentences in the message is
A 4-2-1-3
B 3-4-2-1
C 3-1-4-2

Text D

These rights and duties make no sense. For example, how can someone be considered old enough to get married at sixteen, but not allowed to drive a car? It's crazy. You can join the army, but you can't have a tattoo or vote? Either you're an adult or you're not. What does everyone else think?

4 This text is
A someone's opinion on a forum.
B part of an advertisement for a car.
C a notice on a noticeboard.

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