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Ages and stages

1 Complete the sentences with the words below.

adult centenarian elderly infant middle-aged teens toddler twenties young child

- 1 My brother is thirteen months old and he's learning how to walk. He's a _____.
- 2 Last year I was still in my _____, but now I'm 30 years old.
- 3 No children are allowed in this shop without an _____.
- 4 It is my grandmother's 100th birthday today. She's now a _____!
- 5 Her new baby is just four weeks old. He's an _____.
- 6 Young people between the ages of thirteen and nineteen are in their _____.
- 7 Her aunt is quite _____. She's 86.
- 8 People aged between 40 and 60 are sometimes called _____.
- 9 When he was a _____ – about seven years old – he was scared of dogs.

2 Choose the correct words to complete the article.

Beginnings: celebrities talk about their parents

Champion surfer and star of *Surfing Lives*

Nicole Treacher tells us about her mother

My mother grew ¹up / down in a small village near Toulouse in France. Her parents split ²away / up when she was just five years old and after that she was brought ³up / in by her father. In 1986, when she was sixteen, she ⁴left / moved home and went to university in London. She studied languages and ⁵got / had her first job, working as a translator in London, in 1990. Two years later, her grandmother passed ⁶away / up and my mother ⁷retired / inherited her house in France. She decided to move back to France and ⁸settle / start her own business. In 1995, my mother met a tall, handsome Australian. They ⁹got / fell in love and ¹⁰got / went engaged just two months after they first met. In 1998, they ¹¹changed / emigrated to Australia and decided to ¹²start / get a family. And I was born in 2000!



3 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Play 'Guess the Celebrity'. Then swap roles.

Student A Think of a famous person. Be prepared to answer questions about:

- the person's age.
- key events from the person's life.

You can only answer Yes or No to the questions.

Is the person a man?

Yes, he is.

Student B Try to guess who your partner is thinking of. Ask yes/no questions about:

- their age.
- their key life events.

Is he in his 20s?

No, he isn't.

Was he brought up in the UK?

Yes, he was.