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Birth, marriage and death

A

Birth

Anna **had a baby** yesterday.
He **was born** at 1.15 yesterday morning.
He **weighed** 3 kilograms.

They are going to **call** him John – **after** John, his grandfather. His grandfather's **birthday** is June 16th too – but he was born in 1957!
The baby's parents **were born** in 1986.



Common mistakes

Anna **had a baby** [NOT Anna got a baby].
He/ She **was born** [NOT He/ She ~~born~~ or He/ She ~~is born~~].

B

Marriage

If you do not have a partner, you are **single**.
If you have a husband or wife, you are **married**.
If your husband or wife dies, you are **widowed**.
If your marriage breaks up, you are **separated / divorced**.
[the marriage has legally ended]

Harry and Sarah **got married**.
They (**got**) **married** in 2001.
(*married* without *got* is more formal)
They went on their **honeymoon** to Italy.
They **were married** for 15 years.

Common mistakes

Sarah **got married** to Harry [NOT with Harry].

The wedding



(bride)
groom

bride

C

Death

Then Harry became **ill**.
He **died** last year.
He **died of** a heart attack.

Common mistakes

Harry is dead [NOT Harry ~~is died~~ or Harry ~~is death~~].



The funeral



Exercises

2.1 Think of people you know. Where were they born? When?

- 1 *My mother was born in Scotland on July 4th 1967.*
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

2.2 Find a word on the opposite page which means ...

- 1 the name for a woman on her wedding day. *bride*
- 2 the name for a man on his wedding day.
- 3 what you are if you haven't got a partner.
- 4 to be 57 kilograms.
- 5 what you are if your marriage has legally ended.
- 6 a religious service for a dead person.
- 7 a holiday after a wedding.
- 8 what you are if your husband or wife dies.

2.3 Complete the sentences with words from the box.

in **after** **of** **to** **born** **on**

¹ *In* 2003 Anne got married ² Daniel Smith. Unfortunately, Daniel's grandmother, Lydia Smith, died ³ old age soon after their wedding. Daniel and Anne were ⁴ their honeymoon when she died. Anne's baby daughter was ⁵ two years later. They called the baby Lydia, ⁶ Daniel's grandmother.

2.4 When were these people born and when did they die? Write sentences.

- 1 Genghis Khan (1162–1227) *Genghis Khan was born in 1162 and died in 1227.*
- 2 Christopher Columbus (1451–1506)
- 3 Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519)
- 4 Princess Diana (1961–1997)
- 5 Heath Ledger (1979–2008)



2.5 Complete the sentences using died, dead or death.

- 1 Kelly's grandfather *died* last year.
- 2 His..... made her very sad.
- 3 Her grandmother has been for five years now.
- 4 She..... of a heart attack.
- 5 Now all Kelly's grandparents are.....

2.6 Write about your family. Use words and expressions from the opposite page.

Here are some ideas for making your sentences.

I have I/my
got married in (year).
For my/his/her honeymoon, I/he/she went
to

I have / My has
children. They were born in and
..... (years).