

Time flies!

1 Match 1–8 to A–H.

- 1 Sam's parents got ____
- 2 Gina was in her early ____
- 3 Jacob dresses like he's middle- ____
- 4 Bill and Anna started ____
- 5 Simran and Julia are going to celebrate ____
- 6 She lives in the UK now, but she grew ____
- 7 My father was ____
- 8 Starting a new career in your late ____

- A aged, but he's actually quite young.
 B their wedding anniversary with a big party.
 C married in a church in London.
 D up in Poland.
 E born in 1975.
 F a family in their twenties.
 G thirties can be quite difficult.
 H twenties when she qualified as a doctor.

2 Match the words below to the underlined words in the sentences.

childhood elderly mid-seventies
 only child relatives twins

- 1 My mum has to look after her parents because they are both quite old. ____
- 2 She comes from a big family so she has a lot of aunts, uncles and cousins. ____
- 3 Ali has lots of friends but he has no brothers or sisters. ____
- 4 Susy and Nicola are sisters who were born on the same day and look like each other. ____
- 5 My grandmother is about 74 or 75. ____
- 6 He spent the years until he was eighteen living in the US. ____

3 Complete the text with the words and phrases below.

celebrate childhood early twenties elderly
 got married grew up mid-nineties middle-aged
 only child relatives start a family was born

My grandmother ¹ _____ in the 1930s, so she's in her ² _____ now. However, she's still healthy and active, and she seems happy. She ³ _____ on a farm in England where her father was the farm manager. She was an ⁴ _____ and she spent most of her ⁵ _____, when she wasn't at school, outside with her dogs. As a young woman, in her ⁶ _____, she moved to London to work in the health service. There, she met my grandfather. He was already ⁷ _____, older than her, but they fell in love and ⁸ _____ in 1959. They decided to ⁹ _____ immediately, and soon had a daughter and son – the son was my father. My grandmother always seems happy – she likes being ¹⁰ _____. She says she enjoys every day, and in a few years' time she hopes to ¹¹ _____ her 100th birthday with all her ¹² _____.

4 Match 1–5 to A–E.

- 1 There's **a** new student in our class this term. ____
- 2 They live in a small village. **The** village is in Devon. ____
- 3 **Children** grow up very quickly these days! ____
- 4 **The** weather has been very bad recently. ____
- 5 Sarah's father is **an** engineer and her mother is a teacher. ____

We use *a / an* ...

A when we talk about something or someone for the first time.

B to say what someone's job is.

We use *the* ...

C when we talk about something or someone we talked about before.

D when it's clear what / who we are talking about, or when there is only one person or thing.

We use no article (–) ...

E to talk about members of a group in general.

5 Complete the dialogue with *a / an, the* or – (no article).

- A Are you playing ¹ _____ video game?
 B No, I'm just looking for something on ² _____ internet.
 A What are you looking for?
 B Well, you know I like ³ _____ history? Well, I found ⁴ _____ website that helps you research ⁵ _____ history of your family.
 A OK. And have you found anything interesting?
 B I found an article about my grandfather. He was ⁶ _____ athlete and he competed for ⁷ _____ Britain in ⁸ _____ Olympic Games.
 A Wow. Amazing. Did he win ⁹ _____ medal?
 B I don't know – ¹⁰ _____ article doesn't say.

6 Complete the questions with the correct article (*a / an, the* or –). Then write an answer for each question.

- 1 Do you have _____ favourite relative?

- 2 Which _____ anniversaries do people in your family celebrate?

- 3 What is _____ best thing about being _____ only child?

- 4 Would you like to be _____ twin? Why?

