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## Vocabulary

### Life events

I can talk about my family and life events.



**1 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Look at the list below and choose two things from your childhood to tell your partner about.

- your first day at school
- where you used to go on holiday
- visiting your grandparents
- the first birthday that you can remember
- learning to ride a bike

**2 1.03 VOCABULARY** Listen. How old are the people being described? Choose from the stages of life below.

**Stages of life** be an adult be a centenarian be an infant  
be a toddler be elderly be in your teens be middle-aged

**3 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Discuss how a person's life changes between the stages below.

- 1 infant to toddler  
*Toddlers have learned to walk and talk. They are more independent than infants.*
- 2 small child to teenager
- 3 being in your teens to being in your twenties
- 4 being middle-aged to being elderly
- 5 being elderly to being a centenarian

**4 Complete the questions with the prepositions below. You can use them more than once.**

about at by of to with

At which age or ages do you think people are ...

- 1 most obsessed \_\_\_\_\_ fashion?
- 2 curious \_\_\_\_\_ the world?
- 3 good \_\_\_\_\_ sport?
- 4 addicted \_\_\_\_\_ social media?
- 5 more sensitive \_\_\_\_\_ other people's feelings?
- 6 unhappy \_\_\_\_\_ their financial situation?
- 7 shocked \_\_\_\_\_ young people's behaviour?
- 8 aware \_\_\_\_\_ the environment?

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**5 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions in exercise 4.

**6 VOCABULARY** Complete the life events with the verbs below.

become born fall get have learn leave pass settle start

**Life events** get married buy a house or flat emigrate  
be <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ be brought up (by) retire start a family  
<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in love get divorced <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ engaged go to  
university grow up <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a change of career  
inherit (money, a house, etc.) <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to drive <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home  
leave school/university move (house) <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ away  
split up <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ down <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a business start school  
<sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a grandparent get your first job

**7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrases in exercise 6.**

- 1 I was \_\_\_\_\_ in Manchester on 20 August 1985, but we \_\_\_\_\_ to Liverpool in 1987 and I \_\_\_\_\_ up near the Liverpool football stadium.
- 2 My brother \_\_\_\_\_ school at sixteen and got his first \_\_\_\_\_ four months later. However, when he was in his twenties, he decided he wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ to university and later had a change of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 My parents \_\_\_\_\_ in love when they were in their late thirties. They got \_\_\_\_\_ after three months and then \_\_\_\_\_ married a month later!
- 4 Although my mum is 65 and has become a \_\_\_\_\_, she still doesn't want to \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, she says she loves work and wants to start \_\_\_\_\_ of her own!
- 5 We didn't have to \_\_\_\_\_ a house because my dad \_\_\_\_\_ his parents' house after they had sadly \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 My dad \_\_\_\_\_ from Ireland in 1998. He met my mum and they \_\_\_\_\_ down in London where they \_\_\_\_\_ a family.
- 7 My mum's parents \_\_\_\_\_ up when she was very young. They got \_\_\_\_\_ soon after. They both had to travel for their jobs so my mum was \_\_\_\_\_ by her aunt.
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ home when I was eighteen. I was really sad to leave my town. It's where I \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of five, learned \_\_\_\_\_ and where I met my girlfriend.

**8 Complete the text with the correct form of the phrases in exercise 6.**

I was <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on 17 October 2001 in London, although my parents aren't Londoners. My dad <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from Ireland when he was a teenager and my mum, who is from Croatia, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home after she had <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to university. My dad started a business and my mum got her first, and only, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in his company!

Well, after a few months, they <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in love, and six months later they <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ engaged. After they got <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, they <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to south-east London and <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ down in the neighbourhood of Greenwich, where they started a \_\_\_\_\_, and I was the first one to come along! I've also got a brother and sister, and we've all been <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ up in the same house. What's more, when my mum's mum <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a grandmother, she decided to leave Croatia too and come and help my mum!

**9 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Describe events in your family life. Use phrases from exercises 2 and 6 to help you.

I was born in a small town, and when I was twelve, we moved here.