

Changes and challenges

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1 Complete the sentences with the life stages in the box.

about thirty-five a child elderly in (her) early twenties
in (her) late twenties ~~in (my) mid-twenties~~ in (her) sixties
middle-aged a teenager

- 1 I'm 25 on my next birthday. I'm in my mid-twenties.
- 2 My mum is 50. She's _____.
- 3 My sister is 21. She's _____.
- 4 My grandmother is 75. She's _____.
- 5 My sister-in-law is 28. She's _____.
- 6 My aunt is 63. She's _____.
- 7 My cousin is in her mid-thirties. She's _____.
- 8 My niece is eight. She's _____.
- 9 My other niece is fifteen. She's _____.

Join with arrows

2 Match verbs 1-8 to phrases a-h to make life events.

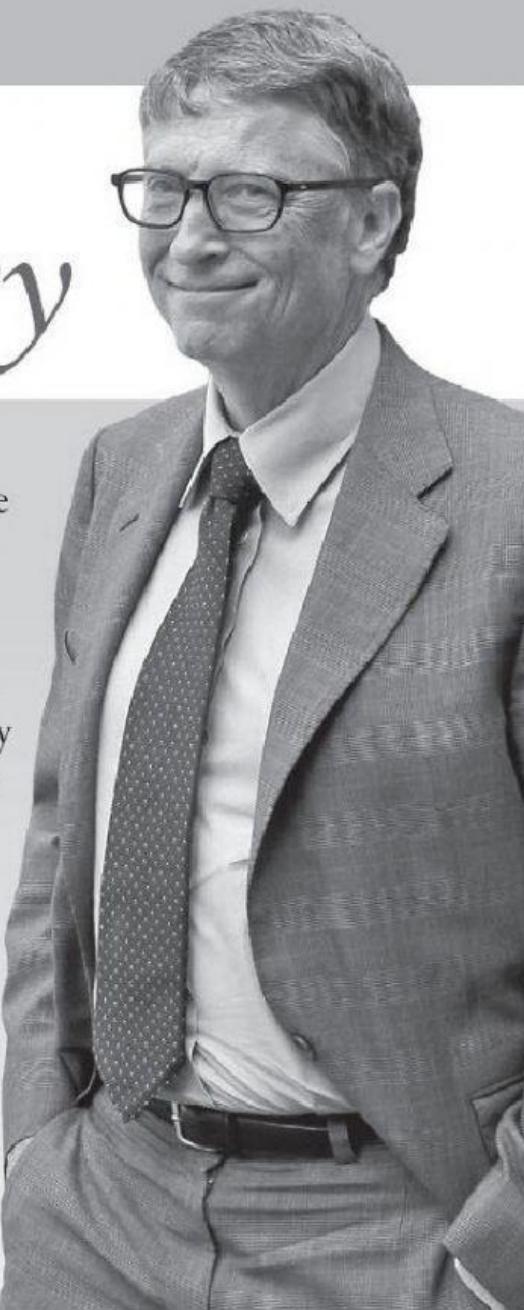
1 change	a to swim
2 get	b time abroad
3 learn	c home
4 leave	d career
5 live	e a job
6 move	f house
7 pass	g with a partner
8 spend	h your driving test

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decided went got had started left retired take up

BILL GATES:

Success story



Born in 1955, Bill Gates

1 took up computing when he was at high school. But when he 2 _____ school, he 3 _____ to follow the same career as his father and he 4 _____ to university to study Law. Later, however, he changed to maths and computer science instead.

In 1975, while he was still at university, he started writing computer software for a company called MITS.

In 1977, he 5 _____ his own company, Microsoft, and ten years later, he became the youngest billionaire ever.

The same year, he met his future wife, Melinda, and in 1994, they 6 _____ married. The couple 7 _____ their first child in 1996 and another two children in 1999 and 2002.

Today, Bill Gates is one of the richest men in the world, although he 8 _____ from his normal job at Microsoft in 2008.

Grammar verbs with *-ing* and *to*

5 Put the words in the right order to make questions.

1 learn did when drive you to

When did you learn to drive?

2 did to you what wear decide

3 win you did to who want

4 to much you plan did spend how

5 would go like where to you

6 did stop why to you need

Choose the correct option

7 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 I learned *to play* / *playing* the piano when I was a child.
- 2 Do you like *to live* / *living* in the country?
- 3 I hope *to retire* / *retiring* before I'm 65.
- 4 My brother stopped *to play* / *playing* basketball when he went to university.
- 5 I can't stand *to go* / *going* to the dentist's.
- 6 When did you decide *to move* / *moving* house?
- 7 My girlfriend enjoys *to do* / *doing* aerobics.
- 8 If it keeps *to rain* / *raining*, we'll go home.

Write the correct form -to or Ving of the verbs in the box

8 Complete the article with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

apply ask be do get up go leave look for
think work

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The right way to change your job

What can you do if you can't stand ¹ working in the job that you're in and you'd like ² _____ something different? Below are some tips to help you if you're in this situation.

First of all, you need ³ _____ about what you like and don't like about your current job. This will help you decide the kind of job you want ⁴ _____ for.

If you decide ⁵ _____ a new job, spend some time updating your CV. Then send your new one to all your contacts. Learn ⁶ _____ patient, because changing your job can take a long time!

Even if you hate ⁷ _____ for work every morning, it's important to keep ⁸ _____ to the office until you have a new job.

When you get a job offer, plan ⁹ _____ your current job after you've had a holiday – imagine ¹⁰ _____ your new boss for two weeks off on your first day!