

Vocabulary and listening Life's big moments

Birth

- 1 When were you born? Do you know the exact time of your birth?

I was born on March 21st, 1991 at 2.40 in the morning.

I have no idea of the time. I'll have to ask my mum.

- 2 Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

birth pregnant expecting weighed born due

Laura

May 12th

Laura is ¹ **pregnant**. She's ² _____ a baby. The baby is ³ _____ in two weeks.

May 22nd

She gave ⁴ _____ to a healthy baby boy. He was ⁵ _____ at 4.20 a.m. this morning. He ⁶ _____ 3.8 kilos.

Marriage

- 3 Do you like going to weddings? Why/Why not? Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

divorced engaged married widowed single



1 He's _____



3 They're _____



4 They're _____



2 They're _____



5 She's _____

- 4 Work with a partner. The sentences describe the events in Harry's life. Put them in the right order. What is Harry's age now? What is a 'honeymoon'? Read his story aloud.

When Harry met Nina and Laura!

- _____ They got married a year later in 2007.
- _____ They split up. **Nina** left Harry.
- _____ They got engaged when they were 19.
- 1 **Harry** met **Nina** at school when they were 16.
- _____ They finally got divorced in 2012.
- _____ After a few years, the marriage started to go wrong.
- _____ **Harry** remarried in 2017. He married **Laura**, a colleague from work.
- _____ They went to Venice on honeymoon.
- _____ They couldn't afford a honeymoon.
- 10 It's their anniversary today! They've just had a baby boy.



Harry and Nina



Death

- 5 Complete the sentences with words from the box.

died died of dead miss alive death die funeral

- 1 Flowers _____ if you don't water them.
- 2 'Are your grandparents still _____?'
'My grandmother is. My grandfather _____ before I was born.'
- 3 The _____ of his uncle came as a great shock. It was totally unexpected.
- 4 He _____ a heart attack. The _____ will take place at St Peter's Church next Thursday.
- 5 'Do you still have your dog?'
'No. He's been _____ a long time. I _____ him terribly.'



My life in a nutshell!

- 6 11.6 Listen to Alison talking about her life.

- 1 Who are Ben, Ellen, Tessa and Tom?
- 2 How old are Tessa and Tom now?
- 3 What do you learn about Alison's parents?
- 4 How is her life different from Harry's?




Alison Miles

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Everyday English Finding the right words!

1 Look quickly at the conversations. Which give good news? Which give bad news?

2  11.7 Work with a partner. Complete the four conversations with the words in the boxes. After each one, listen and check.



Congratulations!
called
Give Helen my love
had doing weigh

- A Helen ¹ _____ the baby last night.
B Wow! ² _____! Was it a boy or girl?
A A boy.
B How much did he ³ _____?
A 4.1 kilos.
B Ooh! A big boy. What's he ⁴ _____?
A William James, after both of our fathers.
B That's nice. How are mother and baby ⁵ _____?
A They're fine.
B That's wonderful. ⁶ _____ when you see her.
A I will do. Thanks.



wedding engaged
fantastic news bridesmaid
ring beautiful

- A Alfie and I have got ¹ _____.
B That's ² _____! Congratulations!
A Do you like my ³ _____?
B Wow! Diamonds! It's ⁴ _____! When's the ⁵ _____?
A We're thinking of getting married next spring.
B I hope I'm invited.
A Of course you are. I want you to be a ⁶ _____.
B Really? I'd love that. I've never been one before.



tough time split up
What's happened sorry to hear
getting on well shame


- A Have you heard about Bill and Josie?
B No! ¹ _____?
A Well, they've been having a ² _____ recently.
B I know – they haven't been ³ _____ at all.
A Mm. Well, they've finally decided to ⁴ _____.
B I'm so ⁵ _____ that. What a ⁶ _____!
A Yes, I always thought they were so good together.



lovely man memories
together coping
so sorry fond of him

- A We lost Grandpa last week.
B I know. Your dad told me. I'm ¹ _____. He was such a ² _____. Everyone was really ³ _____.
A He and Grandma were ⁴ _____ over 60 years.
B That's incredible! How old was he?
A 88.
B And how's your Grandma ⁵ _____?
A She's OK. She's got her family around her.
B Well, I'm sure you all have wonderful ⁶ _____ of him.

3 Choose two of the conversations and practise them with your partner. Act them out to the class.

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