

Coming of Age Ceremonies

Listen and complete the following reading by writing the missing words. Use numbers (no letters) in the spaces when a number is given in the audio.

At what age does a _____ become an _____? The answer depends on your culture or _____. Here are a few examples:

First, in some North American Indian _____, a boy becomes a man around the age of _____. At that time, he goes into the _____ alone, without food or water, for several days. When he returns safely, he _____ an adult man. Girls become adult women as soon as they are old enough to have _____, also around the age of _____ or 13.



In Japan today, young people become legal adults at age _____. Each year on the second Monday in January, they _____ “Coming-of-Age Day,” when all the twenty-year-olds in a town are invited to attend a special _____. They wear _____ clothes, listen to speeches, and visit with old friends.



Finally, in the United States,
the _____ into _____ takes
several years. American teenagers look
_____ to their 16th birthday,
because in most states that is the age
when they can get a driver's _____.



The legal age of adulthood is _____, when Americans can _____,
get married, and _____ full-time.