

## 11b Life stories

## Vocabulary life events

1 Complete the paragraph with the life events in the box.

I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan in 1987. I grew up in a village with my family. We <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in a small house. My sister and I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in our village. When I was eighteen, I went to California and <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ mathematics at college. I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ when I was twenty-three. My first job was in an office. I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at work.

**6 ► 160** Listen to the interview again. Put the questions in order (1–4).

- Did you study art in college?
- Did you live there when you were a child?
- Why did you decide to be a musician?
- What did you want to be when you were a child?

4 Work in pairs. Read about Caroline Gerdes. Answer the questions.

## 1 Where was she born?

## 2 What does she write about?



**Caroline Gerdes** is a journalist. She was born in New Orleans, and she studied there, too. She writes about the "life story" of her city. She talks to people about their lives and their history. She writes about the life and the culture of New Orleans—Mardi Gras, the story of jazz music, and other things.

## Listening

5 160 Listen to an interview with Dinah, also from New Orleans. Check (✓) the life events from Exercise 1 that you hear.

was born       studied at college  
 lived       started work  
 went to school       met her husband