


11b Life stories

Vocabulary life events

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

lived	studied
met my husband	was born
started work	went to school

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> was born | <input type="checkbox"/> studied at college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lived | <input type="checkbox"/> started work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> went to school | <input type="checkbox"/> met her husband |