

VOCABULARY

Life events

Complete the phrases in the article with the correct form of the verbs below:

be move rent bring up leave
have go get (x2) make

Maria Ximenes - a story of work and luck

Maria was born in 1974 in Lospalos. When she was 15, her family

¹ _____ to a small town in Australia, Esperance.

There, she ² _____ to secondary school. In 1992, she

³ _____ school and ⁴ _____ her first job

in a small restaurant. At the same time, she tried to

⁵ _____ some extra money by selling coconut

cookies in a food market.



In 1997, Maria met John Blair and they ⁶ _____ married. They

⁷ _____ a son, David, in 1999. A year later, they ⁸ _____ a small flat in the center of the town.

By that time, they didn't have much money, but they were very happy.

In 2002, their lives changed. Maria bought a lottery ticket and won a lot of money. With that money, she started her business as a cook. She had enough to have a good life and to ⁹ _____ her child.

Maria became famous in her small town – first, because she was lucky and second, because she's a great cook.