

The Time of my Life

Life is full of good and bad times. Each year in our life has its own importance, but some years are just more important or significant than others.



Lizzie

One of the best years of my life was 1995 because that year I traveled to Paris.

I'm a French teacher, so going to Paris was my dream. In 1995, my husband invited me to France for my 30th birthday. We climbed the Eiffel Tower and visited the Louvre, and the last night we enjoyed a romantic dinner on the Seine.

We were young and happy. I loved every minute, it was great!

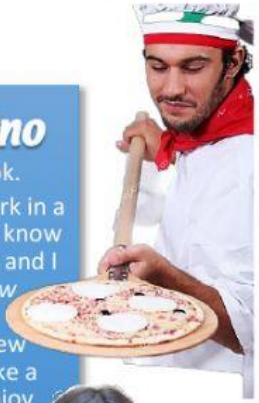
I will remember 2008 for the rest of my life. I was 18 and I had just finished high school. I didn't want to start University right away, so I decided to move to London for a year. At first, I couldn't communicate with people because my English wasn't very good! Then I enrolled on an English course and I studied very hard. By the end of the year my English was great and I didn't want to go back home! It was a very good experience because I made new friends and I learnt a lot about the English culture.

2001 was a good year for me because I discovered that I loved to cook.

Gino

I was 16 when I started to work in a takeaway pizza place. I didn't know how to cook, but I was Italian and I loved pizza, so I thought: "How hard can it be?" Well, it was very hard! However, after a few months, I finally learnt to make a good pizza and I started to enjoy my job.

Now I'm an adult, and I'm a chef. I even have my own pizza restaurant!



Midori

A) Read about Lizzie, Gino and Midori's life experiences and **complete** the sentences:

- a. Lizzie speaks French.
- b. _____ didn't speak English well.
- c. _____ wanted to have a Gap year.
- d. _____ started to work as a teen.
- e. _____ was married.
- e. _____ is in the food business.

B) Complete the tables about Lizzie, Gino, and Midori's most important year.

	Lizzie	Gino	Midori
Year	1995		
Age	30		
Occupation	French teacher		
What happened?	traveled to Paris		
What did they do?	climbed the Eiffel tower, visited the Louvre, enjoyed dinner on the Seine		
How did they feel?	loved it		

C) Conjugate the given verbs.

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In 1991, I met my future husband.

In 1993, I _____ married.

In 1995, I _____ my first daughter.

In 2001, my second daughter _____ born.

Use the Past Simple!!!

D) Match the columns to make sentences.

In 1998 I finished my degree...	and	they didn't have enough money.
I moved in 2002...	but	I could travel around the country.
I wanted to learn Italian...	because	started my first job.
They wanted to buy a house...	so	I didn't like my flat-mate.



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E) Complete the text about Jim's year with the linking words above:

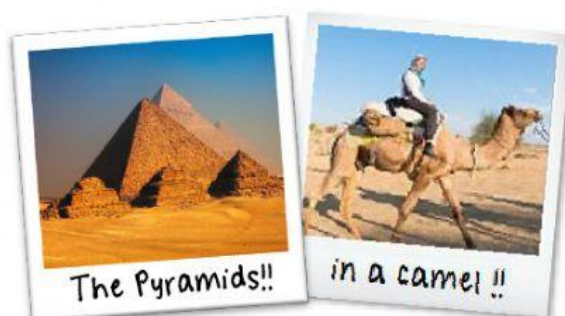
2006 was an important year in my life. It was important because I met my wife, Anya.

We met in an internet chatroom _____ we got on immediately. I was very excited, _____ I liked her very much. I was 29 _____ she was 25.

We started to chat and send emails, _____ we lived in different countries _____ it was difficult for us to be together. Finally, I asked her to marry me _____ she said yes. We decided to live in the USA, _____ I moved there. Now we live in New York _____ we have a beautiful baby, Katie.

Connectors

AND (addition)	She is a singer and a dancer.
BUT (contrast)	We want to go on holidays, but we don't have any money.
SO (result)	I loved her, so I asked her to marry me.
BECAUSE (cause & effect)	He started to work because he needed the money.



F) Listen to Tom talking about his favorite year and complete the chart.

When?	Last _____.
What happened?	He _____ to Cairo, Egypt.
What did he do?	He rode on _____. He climbed up the _____ and he drove into the _____.
How did he feel?	He _____ the holiday, but he was _____ to get back and see his _____.