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## Ages and stages

### 1 Complete the sentences with the words below.

adult centenarian elderly infant middle-aged teens toddler twenties young child

- 1 My brother is thirteen months old and he's learning how to walk. He's a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Last year I was still in my \_\_\_\_\_, but now I'm 30 years old.
- 3 No children are allowed in this shop without an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 It is my grandmother's 100th birthday today. She's now a \_\_\_\_\_!
- 5 Her new baby is just four weeks old. He's an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Young people between the ages of thirteen and nineteen are in their \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 Her aunt is quite \_\_\_\_\_. She's 86.
- 8 People aged between 40 and 60 are sometimes called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 When he was a \_\_\_\_\_ – about seven years old – he was scared of dogs.

### 2 Choose the correct words to complete the article.

## Beginnings: celebrities talk about their parents

### Champion surfer and star of *Surfing Lives*

Nicole Treacher tells us about her mother

My mother grew <sup>1</sup>up / **down** in a small village near Toulouse in France. Her parents split <sup>2</sup>away / **up** when she was just five years old and after that she was brought <sup>3</sup>up / **in** by her father. In 1986, when she was sixteen, she <sup>4</sup>left / **moved** home and went to university in London. She studied languages and <sup>5</sup>got / **had** her first job, working as a translator in London, in 1990. Two years later, her grandmother passed <sup>6</sup>away / **up** and my mother <sup>7</sup>retired / **inherited** her house in France. She decided to move back to France and <sup>8</sup>settle / **start** her own business. In 1995, my mother met a tall, handsome Australian. They <sup>9</sup>got / **fell** in love and <sup>10</sup>got / **went** engaged just two months after they first met. In 1998, they <sup>11</sup>changed / **emigrated** to Australia and decided to <sup>12</sup>start / **get** a family. And I was born in 2000!

