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Vocabulary

Life stages

1 Circle the correct options to make phrases.

1 *go to / live in* college
2 *get / buy* a job
3 *have / get* married
4 *start / go* a business
5 *get / finish* college
6 *buy / go* a house
7 *start / have* children
8 *get / live in* another country

2 Complete the sentences with the phrases from Exercise 1.

1 Let's _____. We can open a small café or a restaurant.
2 Your daughters are beautiful. My husband and I plan to _____ soon.
3 I'd like to _____ this summer and save some money.
4 I want to _____ some day. I think Spain is nice, or maybe Italy.
5 It's not easy to _____ in this neighborhood. They're very expensive.
6 Delia wants to _____, but she didn't do well in school.
7 Jackie hopes to _____ soon. She needs to take three more classes.
8 Jen and Marc want to _____ on the beach. They don't want to invite many people.

Reading

1 Skim the article on page 81. What is it about? Circle the correct answer.

a a blogger who lived in the Seychelles for ten years
b the first Black woman to visit every country in the world
c job experience in the United Nations

2 Read the article. Match the sentence beginnings (1–4) with the endings (a–d).

1 Jessica was born in _____ a Indonesia.
2 She lived for a year in _____ b the Seychelles.
3 In 2017, she visited _____ c Japan.
4 In 2019, she went to _____ d the U.S.

3 Read the sentences. Are they true (T) or false (F)?

1 Jessica was born in 1984. T F
2 She was a teacher in Indonesia. T F
3 In 2019, the last country Jessica visited was Singapore. T F
4 For Jessica, an important part of traveling is meeting people. T F

4 How many voices does the article have?

a One b Two c Three

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World traveler

Jessica Nabongo is a blogger and photographer. And she loves visiting new places.



Jessica was born in 1984 in the United States. She lived and studied there and, when she finished college, she got a job in sales. But she was soon bored. She decided she wanted to live in another country, and so she moved to Japan to teach English. After a year in Japan, she moved to London.

Jessica then got a job in the United Nations. She learned a lot, but she wanted more: she wanted to travel again. In 2017, she went to Bali, Indonesia on vacation. She decided there that she wanted to visit every country in the world. She quit her job and traveled for the next two years. In 2019, she visited her last country—the Seychelles. She became the first Black woman to visit every country in the world.

Jessica is proud of this, but for her, traveling is not just about how many countries she visits. It's about the people she meets and what she learns.



Grammar

Simple past (regular verbs)

1 Write the simple past forms of the verbs.

	Positive	Negative
1 study	*studied*	*didn't study*
2 work	_____	_____
3 help	_____	_____
4 live	_____	_____
5 talk	_____	_____
6 stop	_____	_____

2 Complete the sentences. Use the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

1 We *watched* (watch) two movies last night.

2 She _____ (not / play) soccer at school.

3 It _____ (rain) all day yesterday.

4 They _____ (not / walk) to the concert.

5 He _____ (live) in Spain in 2019.

6 I _____ (not / like) last night's dinner at all.

3 Did you do these things last weekend? Write complete sentences that are true for you.

1 study

I didn't study last weekend.

2 play golf

_____

3 shop online

_____

4 watch TV

_____

5 talk to friends

_____

Grammar

Simple past (irregular verbs)

1 Match these irregular verbs with the base forms (1–6).

felt ran sent thought took woke

1 take _____ 4 send _____

2 wake _____ 5 think _____

3 run _____ 6 feel _____

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2 Circle the correct option to complete each sentence.

1 I *fall* / *fell* asleep on the couch last night.

2 She *get* / *got* up at 6:00 a.m.

3 We *became* / *become* very good friends.

4 He didn't *give* / *gave* me his email address.

5 I didn't *saw* / *see* her at the beach last weekend.

3 Look at the sentences in Exercise 2 again. Make sentences 1–3 negative, and sentences 4–5 positive.

1 *I didn't fall asleep on the couch last night.*

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

Listening

1 12.2 Listen to a woman telling a funny story. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1 This is a true story. T F

2 The woman didn't eat breakfast. T F

3 The woman took a bus to university. T F

4 The teacher was angry at the woman. T F

5 The woman texted her teacher. T F

2 12.2 Listen again. What makes the story funny? Circle the correct answer.

a She woke up an hour late.

b She thought it was a different day.

c She went to the wrong university.

Grammar

Simple past questions

1 Put the words in order to make questions.

1 walk / did / to school / he

Did he walk to school _____?

2 you / did / your hair / change

_____?

3 say / that / why / did / you

_____?

4 in Brazil / did / you and Ben / live / when

_____?

5 did / play / what sports / she / at school

_____?

2 Correct the mistake in each question.

1 Did you **went** to the market?

Did you go to the market? _____

2 When Chi **did** live in Japan?

_____

3 **Do** you see your parents last weekend?

_____

4 What time did they **got** home?

_____

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3 Complete the conversation with the simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

A: Where [1] *did you live* (you / live) as a child?

B: I [2]_____ (born) in Panama, and I [3]_____ (live) there for five years. Then we [4]_____ (move) to Canada.

A: Canada? Interesting. How [5]_____ (you / like) it there?

B: Well, I [6]_____ (not / like) it at first, but I love it now.

A: [7]_____ (be) you a good student?

B: Yes, I was. I [8]_____ (study) all the time.

2 Circle the correct option to complete each sentence.

1 I got an A in math! I'm really *sad / surprised / bored*. I never get an A!

2 Jeff dropped my cellphone and it broke. I'm so *angry / excited / tired*.

3 I woke up late and ran to work. I'm so *angry / tired / bored* now.

4 I'm *afraid / happy / bored*. There is nothing fun to do around here.

5 Leona gave me a new hat for my birthday! I'm really *angry / happy / tired*.

6 Chai is *bored / surprised / afraid* of the lions in the zoo.

7 I can't play soccer now because it's raining outside. I'm *excited / happy / sad*.

Vocabulary

Feelings

1 Match the pictures (1–8) with the adjectives (a–h).

1 	_____	a angry
2 	_____	b surprised
3 	_____	c happy
4 	_____	d tired
5 	_____	e sad
6 	_____	f excited
7 	_____	g bored
8 	_____	h afraid

Writing

1 Read the sentences about someone's grandfather. Each set (1–3) contains one main idea and two interesting points. Circle M (main idea) or I (interesting point) for each sentence.

1	a He lived a very interesting and exciting life.	(M)	I
	b He lived in many different countries.	M	I
	c He met many famous people.	M	I
2	a There weren't many buildings or cars.	M	I
	b Life was very different in the 1950s.	M	I
	c Nobody had TVs in their homes.	M	I
3	a He teaches his grandchildren many things.	M	I
	b He always tells us great stories.	M	I
	c Our lives changed when he moved in with us.	M	I

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