British Life 2

Read the sentences and choose the correct answer:

1. People get married at a later age now and many women do not want to have children immediately. They prefer to do well at their jobs first. So they often decide not to have a baby until they are in their late thirties, or even forties.

Write 2 causes why people don't have children immediately.

2. **The great divorce discussion**

A popular British newspaper described Britain as 'the divorce capital of Europe'. There are 310,000 marriages a year, but 161,000 divorces. Why? A professional British woman in a top job wrote this surprising letter to the newspaper's Women's Page.

Why is Britain called 'the divorce capital of Europe'?

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3. Drag and drop the sentences in the correct column:

Details	In the past, British women stayed at home, did the housework and had babies.
	When a husband came home from the office, his wife welcomed him.
	She looked nice, and dinner was ready.
	She asked him about his day and listened to all his problems.
Conclusion	So, husbands were happy with their wives and marriages were very successful.

Details	But now British women want good jobs like their husbands, and they also want their husbands to help with the children and the housework.
	If a husband has a bad day at work, his wife doesn't want to know about it. She wants to talk about her own day.
	She often gets angry because her husband doesn't help her more.
	In the end, the husband doesn't enjoy being at home. He leaves his wife for another woman, and the marriage ends in divorce.
Conclusion	

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4. **Stepfamilies**

Children can suffer when their parents get divorced. When a divorced parent marries again, his or her children often find themselves living in a 'stepfamily' with a stepfather or stepmother. Do they call this new person 'Mum' or 'Dad'? Perhaps there are stepbrothers or stepsisters, too. It can be difficult for step-parents and their 'new' children, but it *can* work.

Why can children suffer?

What is a 'stepfamily'?

What are the problems with a stepfamily?

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