

Life events

I can talk about my family and life events.

1 Match the ages (a–g) with the stages of life (1–7).

1 be an adult	a 100+
2 be a centenarian	b 60+
3 be a toddler	c 13–19
4 be an infant	d 40–60
5 be elderly	e 1–3
6 be in your teens	f 0–1
7 be middle-aged	g 18+

2 Complete the sentences with the adjectives and prepositions below. You can use the prepositions more than once.

addicted aware curious good happy obsessed
sensitive shocked

about at by of to with

- 1 Harry is money and he's always thinking of ways of making it.
- 2 We weren't the hotel, and nor were we pleased with the way the tour company handled the problem.
- 3 Don't say anything negative about her work because she's very criticism.
- 4 Children are everything around them and want to know how things work.
- 5 My grandparents would be offended by the language used on TV and the violence in films.
- 6 I'm not very maths and always get low marks in the exams.
- 7 She says she isn't chocolate, but I always see her eating it!
- 8 I didn't realise there was a problem, and I wasn't the risks.

3 Put the words below in the correct columns to form different life events.

a business a family divorced engaged home
married school (x2)

get	leave	start

4 Choose the correct prepositions to complete the sentences.

- 1 My grandmother passed **over** / **through** / **away** at the age of 88.
- 2 Dan's parents split **up** / **off** / **in** when he was still a toddler.
- 3 Rachel was brought **on** / **at** / **up** by her aunt and uncle.
- 4 We grew **up** / **over** / **on** in a small village, and I loved living in the countryside.
- 5 Many people get married and settle **around** / **down** / **up** in their thirties.
- 6 My sister fell **to** / **on** / **in** love with a fellow student at university, and they became engaged a year later.

5 Replace the underlined words and phrases with the correct form of the words and phrases below.

emigrate inherit learn to drive retire settle down
split up

- 1 My dad is looking forward to finishing work next year and having more time for his hobbies.
- 2 When my grandad passed away, my mum got his house and some money.
- 3 My sister is having driving lessons.
- 4 My uncle and aunt separated last year after being married for fifteen years.
- 5 I don't want to get married and have a family until I've had a chance to see the world.
- 6 My older brother moved to another country last year to look for work.

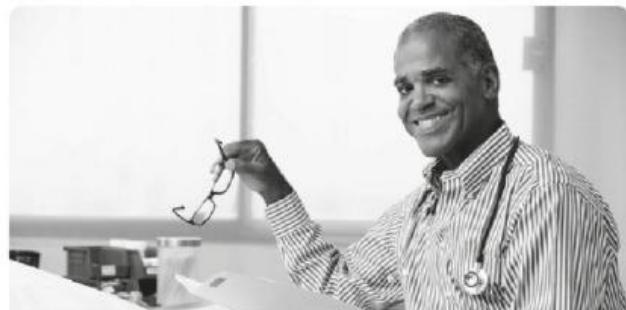
6 Complete the sequences of events with the phrases below.

buy a house or flat get divorced get married
go to university grow up pass away

- 1 retire, become a grandparent, _____
- 2 fall in love, get engaged, _____
- 3 start school, leave school, _____
- 4 get married, split up, _____
- 5 be born, be brought up, _____
- 6 leave home, move house, _____

7 Complete the text with the correct form of the words below.

be buy career fall get job leave married
settle split start study



Not everybody does things in the same order. My uncle ¹ school at sixteen and got his first ² a month later. Then he ³ a business and ⁴ engaged, and he got ⁵ at seventeen! When he was 25, he ⁶ up with his wife, sold his business and went back to school. Then he decided to ⁷ for a degree in medicine. At university, he ⁸ in love with another student, and my cousin ⁹ born a year after they left university. My uncle and aunt now work as doctors, and they have ¹⁰ a house and ¹¹ down near us. That's what I call changing your ¹² – and your life!