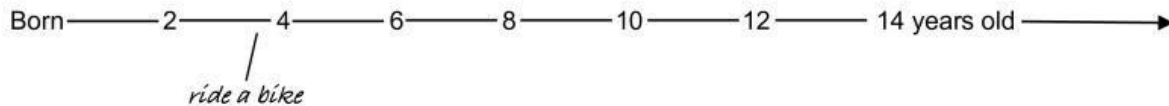


Unit 1 SPEAKING: PAIRWORK

Student A and Student B

- 1 Complete the timeline with achievements that are true for you. Use the phrases in the box and your own ideas.

go on holiday learn English move house ride a bike
start school swim use smartphone walk win prize



- 2 Using the timeline, talk to your partner about what you had done or had been doing before a certain time in your life.

Before I went to school, I had learned ...
When I was five, I'd been riding a bike for about a year.
I hadn't learned any English before I was seven.

- 3 Now think about a time in the past when something changed for you. Which year did this happen? Ask and answer questions about what had happened before this time.

I started secondary school in ... *Where had you lived before ... ?*
How many years had you been ... ?
What had you learned before you ... ?
What had you expected ... ?

- 4 Think of an event – for example, an accident or a mistake – that you learned from. Describe what happened. How had you behaved before the event and what did you learn from it? How did your behaviour change after the event? Use the Life skills and Useful language boxes below to help you.

Before I fell off my bike, I hadn't checked the brakes. Now I always check them!

- 5 Now think about things that changed in the world as you grew up. Talk about them with your partner.

By the time I was 10, quite a few things had changed in my life ...
Before 2020, things had been different ...

How had technology changed by the time you were 13?
What had changed in your country by the time you were 12?

Life skills: Learning from the past

Our memories help us to learn from the past. We learn from mistakes, but also when things go well. We can think about what went well and try to build on our positive experiences, and find ways not to repeat our mistakes.

Useful language

Talking about how things and people change

I had dreamed of ...
I had always wanted to ... , but ...
I remember once when I was ...
We had been ... -ing when ...
Before the ... , everything had been different.
After the ... , I learned that ...
I hadn't expected ... to happen.
I had never ... something like this before.