

Life events

I can talk about my family and life events.



- 1 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Look at the list below and choose two things from your childhood to tell your partner about.

- your first day at school
- where you used to go on holiday
- visiting your grandparents
- the first birthday that you can remember
- learning to ride a bike

- 2 **1.03 VOCABULARY** Listen. How old are the people being described? Choose from the stages of life below.

Stages of life be an adult be a centenarian be an infant
be a toddler be elderly be in your teens be middle-aged

- 3 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Discuss how a person's life changes between the stages below.

- infant to toddler
Toddlers have learned to walk and talk. They are more independent than infants.
- small child to teenager
- being in your teens to being in your twenties
- being middle-aged to being elderly
- being elderly to being a centenarian

- 4 Complete the questions with the prepositions below. You can use them more than once.

about at by of to with

At which age or ages do you think people are ...

- most obsessed _____ fashion?
- curious _____ the world?
- good _____ sport?
- addicted _____ social media?
- more sensitive _____ other people's feelings?
- unhappy _____ their financial situation?
- shocked _____ young people's behaviour?
- aware _____ the environment?

➔ **Vocabulary Builder** Adjective + preposition: page 117

- 5 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions in exercise 4.

- 6 **VOCABULARY** Complete the life events with the verbs below.

become born fall get have learn leave pass
settle start

Life events get married buy a house or flat emigrate
be ¹ _____ be brought up (by) retire start a family
² _____ in love get divorced ³ _____ engaged go to
university grow up ⁴ _____ a change of career
inherit (money, a house, etc.) ⁵ _____ to drive ⁶ _____ home
leave school/university move (house) ⁷ _____ away
split up ⁸ _____ down ⁹ _____ a business start school
¹⁰ _____ a grandparent get your first job

- 7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrases in exercise 6.

- I was _____ in Manchester on 20 August 1985, but we _____ to Liverpool in 1987 and I _____ up near the Liverpool football stadium.
- My brother _____ school at sixteen and got his first _____ four months later. However, when he was in his twenties, he decided he wanted to _____ to university and later had a change of _____.
- My parents _____ in love when they were in their late thirties. They got _____ after three months and then _____ married a month later!
- Although my mum is 65 and has become a _____, she still doesn't want to _____. In fact, she says she loves work and wants to start _____ of her own!
- We didn't have to _____ a house because my dad _____ his parents' house after they had sadly _____.
- My dad _____ from Ireland in 1998. He met my mum and they _____ down in London where they _____ a family.
- My mum's parents _____ up when she was very young. They got _____ soon after. They both had to travel for their jobs so my mum was _____ by her aunt.
- I _____ home when I was eighteen. I was really sad to leave my town. It's where I _____ at the age of five, learned _____ and where I met my girlfriend.

- 8 Complete the text with the correct form of the phrases in exercise 6.

I was ¹ _____ on 17 October 2001 in London, although my parents aren't Londoners. My dad ² _____ from Ireland when he was a teenager and my mum, who is from Croatia, ³ _____ home after she had ⁴ _____ to university. My dad started a business and my mum got her first, and only, ⁵ _____ in his company!

Well, after a few months, they ⁶ _____ in love, and six months later they ⁷ _____ engaged. After they got ⁸ _____, they ⁹ _____ to south-east London and ¹⁰ _____ down in the neighbourhood of Greenwich, where they started a ¹¹ _____, and I was the first one to come along! I've also got a brother and sister, and we've all been ¹² _____ up in the same house. What's more, when my mum's mum ¹³ _____ a grandmother, she decided to leave Croatia too and come and help my mum!

- 9 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Describe events in your family life. Use phrases from exercises 2 and 6 to help you.

I was born in a small town, and when I was twelve, we moved here.