1C Vocabulary

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

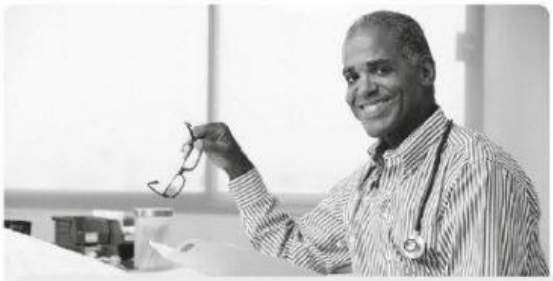
6 Complete the sequences of events with the phrases below.

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!

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