Ages and stages

Growing up

Age	*Stage*
0–1 approximately	a **baby**
1–2	a **toddler**
2–12 approximately	a child – this period is your **childhood**
13–17 approximately	a **teenager** (14 = early teens)
18+	an **adult**
20–30	**in your twenties** (24–26 = **mid twenties**)
30–40	**in your thirties** (38 = **late thirties**)
40+	people are **middle-aged; in middle age**
60 or 65	**retirement** (= when people stop work; they are **retired**)
75+	**old age** (you can also use **elderly**)

Note: For boys, the period between 14–17 approximately (slightly younger for girls) is called **adolescence**, i.e. you are an **adolescent**. In law you are an **adult** at the age of 18, but many people think of you as an adult when you leave school.

Exercises

What stage of life are these people at?

1 Paul isn't 2 yet, so he's still a .....
2 Albert was a bus driver for 40 years but stopped work two years ago, so he is now .....
3 Susan is 25, so she is in her .....
4 Caroline is 50 this year so she is now in her .....
5 Ron is 33 and his wife is 32, so they are both in .....
6 Joan is 75 this year, so she is quite .....
7 Jason was born six weeks ago, so he's a .....
8 Leyla is 13 this year, so she'll soon be a .....
9 Ravi is 18 this year, so legally he becomes .....
10 15 is often a difficult age for boys going through .....

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Find the logical ending for each of the sentence beginnings on the left and construct Rebecca's life.

1 Rebecca was born	a was a boy at her secondary school.
2 She grew up	b in her early thirties.
3 Her first boyfriend	c on a farm with lots of animals.
4 She went out with him	d when she was in her late twenties.
5 She went to university	e in a small local hospital in 1972.
6 She fell in love	f for six months.
7 They got married	g just after the baby was born.
8 She had a baby	h with another student doing medicine.
9 Her father retired	i when she left school.

How many of the sentence beginnings on the left can you answer about your own life? Answer the ones you can.

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