# British Life 2

Read the sentences and choose the correct answer:

1. People get married at a later age now and many women do not want to have children immediately. They prefer to do well at their jobs first. So they often decide not to have a baby until they are in their late thirties, or even forties.

Write 2 causes why people don't have children immediately.

2. **The great divorce discussion**

A popular British newspaper described Britain as 'the divorce capital of Europe'. There are 310,000 marriages a year, but 161,000 divorces. Why? A professional British woman in a top job wrote this surprising letter to the newspaper's Women's Page.

Why is Britain called 'the divorce capital of Europe'?

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## 3. Drag and drop the sentences in the correct column:

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| Details | In the past, British women stayed at home, did the housework and had babies. |
| | When a husband came home from the office, his wife welcomed him. |
| | She looked nice, and dinner was ready. |
| | She asked him about his day and listened to all his problems. |
| Conclusion | So, husbands were happy with their wives and marriages were very successful. |

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| Details | But now British women want good jobs like their husbands, and they also want their husbands to help with the children and the housework. |
| | If a husband has a bad day at work, his wife doesn't want to know about it. She wants to talk about her own day. |
| | She often gets angry because her husband doesn't help her more. |
| | In the end, the husband doesn't enjoy being at home. He leaves his wife for another woman, and the marriage ends in divorce. |
| Conclusion | |

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4. **Stepfamilies**

Children can suffer when their parents get divorced. When a divorced parent marries again, his or her children often find themselves living in a 'stepfamily' with a stepfather or stepmother. Do they call this new person 'Mum' or 'Dad'? Perhaps there are stepbrothers or stepsisters, too. It can be difficult for step-parents and their 'new' children, but it *can* work.

Why can children suffer?

What is a 'stepfamily'?

What are the problems with a stepfamily?

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