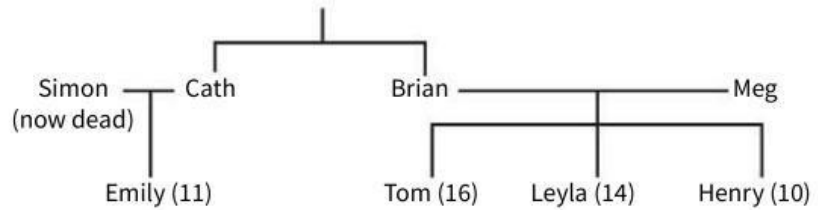


Exercises

13.1 Look at the family tree, then complete the sentences below.



- 1 Simon died two years ago, so Cath is a widow.
- 2 Leyla is Cath's
- 3 Tom is Cath's
- 4 Cath is Meg's
- 5 Simon was Brian's
- 6 Tom is Leyla's brother.
- 7 Emily is Leyla's
- 8 Emily is an child.

13.2 Which words are being defined?

- 1 Your current boyfriend is the one that you have now.
- 2 means get married again.
- 3 are all the members of your family.
- 4 Your friend is the one you like more than any other.
- 5 An friend is someone you have known for a long time.
- 6 are two children born to one mother at the same time.
- 7 is an informal word for a friend.
- 8 is the noun when two people are friends.
- 9 Your is the man who is married to your mother but is not your father.

13.3 Complete the text.

“I was still going out with James when I met my husband, Ben. We ¹ got to know each other because we went to the same gym twice a week. We went out with each other for about 18 months, and we got ² three years ago, so ³ we’ve been a couple for almost five years. We’ve continued to go to the gym ever ⁴ we got married, and I still quite often see James when we’re there. It’s nice if you can still ⁵ with an ⁶-boyfriend or -girlfriend.”

13.4 Over to you

Answer the questions for you, then, if possible, ask a friend and write their answers.

- 1 Are you an only child? If not, do you have elder brothers or sisters?
- 2 Do you get on well with other members of your family?
- 3 Are you a close family?
- 4 Who was the last person in your family to get married? When?
- 5 Who’s your best friend?
- 6 How long have you known him/her?
- 7 How did you get to know each other?

Exercises

14.1 Complete the sentences.

- Isabella is only six months old – she's still *a baby*.
- Louis was 22 a few months ago, so he's in his
- Amelia is 35, so she's in her
- Abigail will be 13 this year, so she'll soon be a
- William is 53 and his wife is 47, so they're both
- Joan is 80 this year, so she is quite
- Michael was a bus driver for 40 years but he's now
- Leon is 18 this year, so legally he becomes
- The boys are 14 and 16, so they're both in their
- Holly is just over a year old and she's starting to walk, so she's a now.

14.2 Are the sentences true or false about Mary's life on the opposite page? If a sentence is false, change it to make it true.

- Mary was brought up in the city. *False. Mary was brought up on a farm.*
- She grew up in Wales.
- Her parents let her do what she wanted.
- She wasn't allowed to listen to the radio.
- Life was easy when she went to Cardiff.
- She couldn't get a job in Cardiff.

14.3 Rewrite the sentences without using the underlined words and phrases. Keep a similar meaning.

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| 1 My parents <u>are dead</u> now. | My parents <i>aren't alive now</i> |
| 2 It was hard but <u>finally</u> I did it. | It was hard but |
| 3 She's <u>approximately</u> my age. | She's |
| 4 They're <u>almost</u> thirty now. | They're |
| 5 I <u>had to do what</u> my parents <u>wanted</u> . | My parents were |
| 6 My parents <u>let me</u> stay up and watch TV. | I was |
| 7 My mum <u>looked after me</u> in Scotland. | I was |
| 8 I <u>was able to</u> pass my exams <u>but it wasn't easy</u> . | I |
| 9 I <u>didn't go home until</u> late. | I |
| 10 I <u>was allowed to</u> wear what I liked. | My parents |
| 11 I was happy <u>as a child</u> . | I had a happy |
| 12 My grandparents <u>don't work any more</u> . | My grandparents are |

14.4 Over to you

Answer the questions. If possible, ask a friend and write their answers.

- Where were you brought up?
- What do you particularly remember about your childhood?
- Were your parents strict? What weren't you allowed to do when you were a child?
- How late were you allowed to stay out when you were a teenager?

Exercises

15.1 Put the events in a logical order.

- I went out with Gabriel.
- We got married.
- I got pregnant three months later.
- We got engaged.
- I got to know Gabriel.
- Our son was born just after our first anniversary.
- We went on our honeymoon.
- I met Gabriel at a party.
- We had a big reception.

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15.2 Which words are being defined?

- 1 The big party you have after the wedding. *reception*
- 2 A romantic meeting you plan before it happens.
- 3 The period of time when you are married.
- 4 How you describe a woman who is going to have a baby.
- 5 The day that is exactly one year, or a number of years, after an important event.
- 6 The name given to the woman and man on their wedding day. and
- 7 Stop doing a job or activity. something up

15.3 Complete the dialogues.

- 1 A: When did they get *engaged* ?
B: Last week. They plan to get married in a of years.
- 2 A: Where did they meet?
B: I think he got her at university.
A: And now they're married?
B: Yes, the was last week.
- 3 A: Is it going to be a big wedding?
B: No, they're having a small in the village church.
A: And what about the reception?
B: They're having a reception but no They're going straight back to work.
- 4 A: So, it's all over.
B: Yes. Lily him and moved out last month.
A: Oh dear. Have they had problems for a long time?
B: I think it all started to go when they moved to Woodbridge.
A: And what about Oliver? Is he alone now?
B: Yes, completely on He doesn't want any new relationships yet.
A: But the marriage is definitely over?
B: Yes, I'm afraid they're getting

15.4 Over to you

Answer the questions for you, then, if possible, ask a friend and write their answers.

- 1 Can you remember your first date? (When, and who with?)
- 2 Can you remember your first serious relationship? (Who was it with? Did you break up, or are you still with the same person?)
- 3 Whose was the last wedding you went to?
- 4 What was the last big celebration (other than a wedding) that you went to?