

1 Complete sentences 1–4 with the words in brackets in the correct order.

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Sara: ⁰ the most important life event for a young person is leaving home. (is / life event / The / leaving home. / for a / young person / most important)
The best age is about eighteen or nineteen. Some people only leave home when they get married. But I think ¹ _____

(it / your own / a younger age. / is important / decisions / from / to make) I'm seventeen now and I don't want to go to university. When I leave school, I want to get a job and earn money. Then I can leave home. I want to buy my own flat one day [...]

Mike: I think ² _____
(most / to drive. / is learning / important / the / life event) Now, my parents fetch me from my friends' houses – but they come at 10 o'clock. I'm sixteen – I want to stay out later! I can't wait until next year when I can learn to drive! A driver's licence can also help you get a better job. I think falling in love or buying your first flat are important ... but for me, at the moment, all that is less important than learning to drive.

Grace: For me, ³ _____
(is / going / important. / first date / really / on your) It's that first step in romance. And I think ⁴ _____ (falling / life event. / is / in love / most important / the)
I remember my first date – I was so nervous! I'm fifteen now and my boyfriend Paul and I are in love. Of course, we don't want to get married yet! We want to do lots of things before we get married – study, travel. Anyway, it's better to get married when you're older ... around thirty or later.

4 Match verbs 1–6 to the correct endings a–f to make collocations.

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| 0 learn | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | a married |
| 1 go on | <input type="checkbox"/> | b a flat |
| 2 fall in | <input type="checkbox"/> | c job |
| 3 buy | <input type="checkbox"/> | d a date |
| 4 get a | <input type="checkbox"/> | e love |
| 5 get | <input type="checkbox"/> | f home |
| 6 leave | <input type="checkbox"/> | g to drive |

5 Complete the sentences with the collocations from Exercise 4. One collocation is used twice.

- I'd like to learn to drive but the lessons cost a lot of money.
- Ali is getting ready to _____ with Dave. They're going to a restaurant.
- I'm going to _____ on Saturdays and earn enough money for a really good summer holiday.
- I don't want to _____. I like my bedroom and my dad's cooking.
- I want to _____ when I start working. Then, when I get older, I can sell it and have some money for a house.
- I'd like to _____ when I'm about 30 – if I meet the right person, of course.
- I hope you don't _____ with Jamie. He's not right for you and you won't be happy.
- We can _____ with two bedrooms and live there together. Think of the parties we can have!