1A Vocabulary

Ages and stages

I can talk about the different stages of people's lives.

1 **SPEAKING** **Work in pairs. Can you answer this famous riddle from Sophocles' play *Oedipus the King*? Explain your answer.**

'What creature walks on four legs in the morning, two legs in the afternoon, and three in the evening?'

2 1.07 **VOCABULARY** **Number the stages of life in the order that people reach them. Then listen and check.**

Stages of life be an adult be a centenarian be an infant be a toddler be a young child be elderly be in your teens be in your twenties be middle-aged

3 **Match some of the phrases in exercise 2 with the pictures below of the woman at different stages of her life.**

In picture A, she's an infant.





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5 1.08 **Listen to four people talking about their backgrounds and their families. Circle the correct answers (a–c).**

1 Bilal's dad
   - **a** was born in the UK.
   - **b** is going to have a change of career.
   - **c** wants to study law.

2 Sandra's family
   - **a** have owned a number of farms.
   - **b** sold the first farm and bought a bigger one.
   - **c** have owned the same farm for many years.

3 Charlotte's mum
   - **a** brought up her daughter in France.
   - **b** isn't married.
   - **c** has been married twice.

4 Callum's parents
   - **a** inherited and ran a successful family business.
   - **b** didn't have a good education.
   - **c** left Britain many years ago.

RECYCLE! Past simple

Remember that there are no rules for the affirmative forms of irregular verbs (e.g. *go – went*), and that the spelling changes with some regular verbs (e.g. *stop – stopped, carry – carried*).

We form the past simple negative with *didn't* and the interrogative with *did*. (The verbs *be* and *can* are exceptions.)

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6 1.08 **Read the Recycle! box. Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs below. Then listen again and check.**

be buy emigrate fall get get grow up
leave move not go not leave not retire start

1 My grandparents _____ from Pakistan in the 1960s.
2 She _____ home until last summer, when she _____ married.
3 I _____ in the village where my family has lived for generations.
4 They managed to save quite a bit of money and eventually _____ a small farmhouse with some land.
5 They _____ in love, _____ engaged after a week and were married a month later.
6 I _____ brought up by my mum after she _____ back to the UK.
7 They _____ school at sixteen and _____ to university.
8 They _____ a successful business and _____ until they were in their seventies.

7 SPEAKING **In pairs, ask and answer about your family and your ancestors. Give extra information where you can.**

1 How long has your family lived in your home town?
2 Did any of them emigrate from another country? From where? When? Why?
3 Did any of them move from another part of your country? From where? When? Why?
4 Did any of your ancestors or members of your family emigrate to another country? Where to? When? Why?

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