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## Birth, marriage and death

## A Birth

Anna **had a baby** yesterday.  
He **was born** at 1.15 yesterday morning.  
He **weighed** 3 kilograms.

They are going to **call** him John – **after** John, his grandfather. His grandfather's **birthday** is June 16th too – but he was born in 1957! The baby's parents **were born** in 1986.



## Common mistakes

Anna **had a baby** [NOT Anna got a baby].  
He/ She **was born** [NOT He/ She born or He/ She is born].

## B Marriage

If you do not have a partner, you are **single**.  
If you have a husband or wife, you are **married**.  
If your husband or wife dies, you are **widowed**.  
If your marriage breaks up, you are **separated / divorced**.  
[the marriage has legally ended]

Harry and Sarah **got married**.  
They **(got) married** in 2001.  
(*married* without *got* is more formal)  
They went on their **honeymoon** to Italy.  
They **were married** for 15 years.



## Common mistakes

Sarah **got married** to Harry [NOT with Harry].

## C Death

Then Harry became **ill**.  
He **died** last year.  
He **died of** a heart attack.

## Common mistakes

Harry is dead [NOT Harry is-died or Harry is-death].



# Exercises

## 2.1 Think of people you know. Where were they born? When?

- 1 *My mother was born in Scotland on July 4th 1967.*.....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....

## 2.2 Find a word on the opposite page which means ...

- 1 the name for a woman on her wedding day. *bride*
- 2 the name for a man on his wedding day.
- 3 what you are if you haven't got a partner.
- 4 to be 57 kilograms.
- 5 what you are if your marriage has legally ended.
- 6 a religious service for a dead person.
- 7 a holiday after a wedding.
- 8 what you are if your husband or wife dies.

## 2.3 Complete the sentences with words from the box.

in after of to born on

<sup>1</sup> *In* ..... 2003 Anne got married <sup>2</sup> ..... Daniel Smith. Unfortunately, Daniel's grandmother, Lydia Smith, died <sup>3</sup> ..... old age soon after their wedding. Daniel and Anne were <sup>4</sup> ..... their honeymoon when she died. Anne's baby daughter was <sup>5</sup> ..... two years later. They called the baby Lydia, <sup>6</sup> ..... Daniel's grandmother.

## 2.4 When were these people born and when did they die? Write sentences.

- 1 Genghis Khan (1162–1227) *Genghis Khan was born in 1162 and died in 1227.*
- 2 Christopher Columbus (1451–1506)
- 3 Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519)
- 4 Princess Diana (1961–1997)
- 5 Heath Ledger (1979–2008)



## 2.5 Complete the sentences using died, dead or death.

- 1 Kelly's grandfather *died* ..... last year.
- 2 His ..... made her very sad.
- 3 Her grandmother has been ..... for five years now.
- 4 She ..... of a heart attack.
- 5 Now all Kelly's grandparents are ..... .

## 2.6 Write about your family. Use words and expressions from the opposite page.

Here are some ideas for making your sentences.

I have ..... . I/my .....  
got married in ..... (year).  
For my/his/her honeymoon, I/he/she went  
to ..... .

I have / My ..... has .....  
children. They were born in ..... and  
..... (years).