



ENGLISH

Chapter 13 Session A

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SECONDARY

AMBITIONS
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VOCABULARY 1

Life Events

1 Which of the words in the box describe the events in the pictures?

be born ☐

buy a house ☐

get a job ☐

get married ☒

go to college ☒

have children ☒

learn to drive ☒

leave home ☒

leave school ☐

start school ☒

train to be a... ☐

work ☐

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Listen and repeat.



3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in activity 1.

- a I want to go to college to study chemistry when I am 18.
- b I started school when I was five years old.
- c In the US, you can learn to drive a car when you're 16.
- d My dad was born in a hospital in Minneapolis in 1962.
- e My aunt has two children.
Their names are Sara and Tarik.

TIP

The word *ambition* is used to talk about plans, aspirations and desires, and not only about things that we really want and are difficult to achieve.

- 4 Based on the sentences in activity 3, write about your story and your plans.


Personal answer



READING 1

1 Read the sentences. Then write T for *true* or F for *false*.

- a ☐ T British boys leave home later than girls.
- b ☐ F People get married younger in Spain than in Portugal.
- c ☐ F The Chinese have more children than people in the USA.
- d ☐ T The Swedes live longer than Americans.

2  42 Read the statistics, listen and check your answers.



Don't read your horoscope, but instead look at the demographics for your country if you want to know your future. Demographics can tell you, for example, that if you are born in Japan, you'll probably have one child and live until you are 83. They are statistics about real people in real places, and they can be fun. Here are some more...

Leaving Home

If you're a Finnish girl, you'll probably leave home when you're about 21. The average Finnish boy won't leave home until he's nearly 23. In Spain and Portugal, a girl will leave home at about 27, but a boy won't leave until he's nearly 30. In the UK, the average girl will leave home at 23 and a boy at 25.

Getting Married

A person born in Bolivia, Portugal or the USA will get married for the first time at about 23 or 24 years old. In the UK, Spain or Japan, you'll be 29. If you want to wait, go to Finland, France or Germany – they get married at 30.

Having Children

In the USA, you'll probably have two children. But the math is more complicated in other countries. In the UK and China, a family will have 1.8 children, but in Spain they'll have 1.4 – the same as in Portugal. Do you want more? Go to Bolivia, where the average family has 3.4 children.

Age

How long will you live? Iceland is a good place to live as you'll probably live to around 82. This is similar to Sweden (81) and better than the USA (78), Turkey (72) or Russia (67).

3 Scan the text and answer the questions.

- a What do demographics tell you about living in Japan?

That you'll probably have one child and live until you're 83.

- b How old are Finnish girls when they leave home?

About 21.

- c In which countries do people get married at 30?

Finland, France and Germany.

- d How many children does the average American have?

Two.

- e Which country has the most children per family?

Bolivia.

- f According to the text, is Sweden a good place to live? Why?

Yes, it is, because you'll probably live to be around 81.

READING STRATEGY


There are many words that end in *-ics* in English. Noticing some suffix patterns can help you predict meanings and better understand some texts. For example, do you think these words are nouns, adjectives or adverbs?

These words are nouns.

demographics statistics mathematics

- 4 Look at the words in the box. How do you say them in your language?

aerobics computer graphics
economics physics politics

- 5  **CLASS VOTE** Look at the demographics in the text. Which country would you like to live in?

Life Events

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be buy get (x2) go have learn
leave (x2) start train work

leave school at 18

a have children

b learn to drive

c be born

d train to be a vet

e work with children

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- f get a job
g start school at six
h buy a house
i get married
j go to college
k leave home

2 Label the pictures with the phrases in activity 1.

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learn to drive



a **Be born**



b **Start school**



c **Get married**



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f Go to college



g Buy a house



h Leave school



i Work with children



j Train to be a vet



k Have children

3 Complete the sentences using the words in activity 1.

- a My sister wants to get married on a beach in Hawaii. It's gonna be an awesome party!
- b My best friend says she wants to have five children! I'd like two: a boy and a girl.
- c Rosie plans to train to be a vet when she's older. She loves animals!

- d My brother's nearly sixteen; he can learn to drive in dad's car.
- e The oldest person in the world was born over a hundred years ago.
- f I want to go to college when I leave school. I'd like to study math!