

# □ Life's Milestones



In some Central American and Caribbean countries, a girl's 15th birthday is very important.

Here, Elsa Mendoza prepares her niece, Annalien, for her 15th-birthday photographs.

Annalien would like to study acting in Havana. Her aunt told her that she has to finish school first. "She's not ready to go to the big city yet."

Zanelle is an Ndebele from South Africa. Today is her big day. She is going to get married. However, she is not truly married until she has her first child. She says, "I would like to have a lot of children. But most of all, I would like to be happy."



This is Vasili and Olga Karezin. They are from the Ukraine. Today is their golden wedding anniversary. They got married 50 years ago. What are they going to do on this special day? They are going to have a meal with their family and friends. And then they are going to dance—all night.