

7A | Life changes

Can do (tick✓)

- ☐ I can understand phrasal verbs in a reading passage.
- ☐ I can understand metaphorical language in a short poem.
- ☐ I can discuss the consequences of life-changing events.
- ☐ I can use *for*, *since* and *how long* with the present perfect continuous.

Life changes

What are the biggest changes that have happened in your own life?

What was difficult about them? Were there positive results?



The road

Imagine the last two weeks of your life as a road. Was it a straight path?

Did it have unexpected turns? Was there a crossroads?

Diary

Apart from your Student's Book, what reading (if any) do you do in English? Could you read more? What? Would it be useful?



Legal ages

Imagine you are the president of your country. What age do you think people should be ...

allowed to get married?

able to fly a plane?

able to drive a car?

legally responsible for their actions?

allowed to drink alcohol in a bar?

allowed to vote in elections?

Complete these metaphors about yourself. Use some of the suggestions or choose your own.

My life is _____ (a lottery / a beautiful garden / a rollercoaster / a hurricane / a comedy film).

Studying English is _____ (a marathon / a bike ride downhill / swimming in mud / flying like an eagle / walking in the dark / a battle).

Stages of my life

Put these life events in a likely order for your own life. You may not need all the events.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> getting married | <input type="checkbox"/> moving to a new town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> leaving home | <input type="checkbox"/> leaving school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> retiring | <input type="checkbox"/> going to college / university |
| <input type="checkbox"/> being born | <input type="checkbox"/> starting a new job |
| <input type="checkbox"/> having children | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> graduating | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> starting school | |



Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children.

George Bernard Shaw

7B | Happy birthday

Can do (tick ✓)

- ☐ I can understand the main topics in an article.
- ☐ I can talk about the advantages and disadvantages of different life stages.
- ☐ I can summarize a topic I've discussed in class.
- ☐ I can distinguish between the present perfect simple and present perfect continuous.

The secrets of a long life

Put these secrets of a long life in order of importance from 1 (= the most important) to 5.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> not smoking | <input type="checkbox"/> avoiding alcohol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> eating healthy food | <input type="checkbox"/> doing plenty of exercise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> going to bed early each night | |

Celebrating birthdays

How do people celebrate birthdays in your country?

give presents send cards meet friends
have a meal not do anything special
have a birthday party

Write about your last birthday. What did you do?



Anniversaries

These are some important birthdays and anniversaries in the UK. Are they the same in your country?

eighteenth birthday
twenty-first birthday
silver wedding anniversary (25 years)
golden wedding anniversary (50 years)

Pronunciation

Underline the stress in each word.

pensioner toddler adolescent teenager anniversary

*Marriage is the alliance of two people,
one of whom never remembers birthdays
and the other never forgets them.*

Ogden Nash (American poet, 1902–1971)

7c | Dilemmas

Can do (tick ✓)

- ☐ I can understand two friends discussing a personal problem.
- ☐ I can talk about someone's personal problems.
- ☐ I can give advice to someone.
- ☐ I can respond to new information using exclamations with *what*.

When are
you going to
choose my name,
Mum?



Difficult decisions

What have been the most difficult dilemmas of your life in the last few years? How did you decide what to do?

Diary

What is the best advice your English teacher or another student has given you recently?

Expensive advice

A doctor met a lawyer at a party. While they were chatting an old man came up and asked the doctor for advice about his sore back. When the man had gone, the doctor turned to the lawyer and said, 'When someone comes up to me in my free time, I never know whether I should send them a bill for the advice. What do you think I should do?' 'Oh, you should certainly send a bill,' said the lawyer. So the next day the doctor sent the old man a bill. And in the post the following day, the doctor received a bill from the lawyer!

What a good idea!

Here are some words that come after *What a/an ...!*
Can you unscramble them?

fileer
hemsa
tidio
manhigter
uceanins