

9C Born to sing

1 VOCABULARY biographies

a Complete the phrases.

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| 1 My grandad was <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c | a on his 65th birthday. |
| 2 He went <input type="checkbox"/> | b in love with my gran at school. |
| 3 He fell <input type="checkbox"/> | c born in 1945. |
| 4 He left <input type="checkbox"/> | d to school when he was five. |
| 5 He started <input type="checkbox"/> | e work when he was 17. |
| 6 They got <input type="checkbox"/> | f school in 1960. |
| 7 They had <input type="checkbox"/> | g three children. |
| 8 He retired <input type="checkbox"/> | h married in 1968. |

2 GRAMMAR present perfect or past simple (2)?

a Circle the correct verb forms.



My mum was born in Plymouth in 1948. When ¹she left / *she's left* school, she started work in an office in Plymouth. Later, the company ²sent / *has sent* her to a different office in Bristol, where ³she met / *she's met* my dad. ⁴They fell / *They've fallen* in love, and ⁵they got / *they've got* married in 1970. ⁶They had / *They've had* three children – I'm the youngest.

⁷They moved / *They've moved* back to Plymouth again when my dad retired. They bought a very nice house and ⁸they lived / *they've lived* there for two years now. My dad ⁹just put / *has just put* a greenhouse in the garden for growing vegetables –

¹⁰he was / *he's been* a keen gardener all his life. My parents

¹¹made / *have made* a lot of new friends and they're very happy in their new home.

b Write the verbs in the past simple or present perfect. Use contractions where necessary.

- A How long have you studied English? (study)
 B Since I was little, I started learning it at school. (start)
- A Are Tom and Gill married?
 B Yes, they are.
 A When _____ they _____ married? (get)
 B Last year. But they _____ together for about ten years now. (be)
- A Is that man the new accountant?
 B Yes, he is.
 A How long _____ he _____ here? (work)
 B Only for two months. He _____ university in June. (finish)
- A How long _____ you _____ your car? (have)
 B A long time! I _____ it in 2005, I think. (buy)
- A When _____ Sandra _____ her boyfriend? (meet)
 B When she was at university. She _____ him for three years now. (know).
- A How long _____ you _____ in London? (live)
 B Not long. I _____ six months ago. (arrive)

3 PRONUNCIATION word stress

a Write the words in the correct group.

award children divorced married musician primary
 retire secondary separate (verb) successful

1 Stress on 1st syllable	2 Stress on 2nd syllable
<u>children</u>	<u>award</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

b **iChecker** Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

4 READING

a Read the text about John Lennon. Order the paragraphs 1–7.



John Lennon and his sons

A On 8 December, 1980, one of John Lennon's fans shot him outside his apartment. Since then, both of his sons have become musicians. Julian Lennon has made six albums and Sean Lennon has sung and played bass guitar with a number of different bands. So far, however, neither of them have been as successful as their father.

B John Lennon was born in Liverpool on 9 October, 1940. His parents separated when he was five, so he went to live with an aunt and uncle. However, he stayed in contact with his mother, who played him Elvis Presley records and taught him how to play the banjo.

C Before The Beatles broke up in 1970, John met the Japanese artist, Yoko Ono, and he divorced his first wife. He left the band and continued making music both on his own and with Yoko. Their son, Sean, was born on 9 October, 1975 and John stayed at home to look after him.

D When John was 15, his mother bought him his first guitar. He formed his first band called The Quarrymen while he was still at school. When he left school, he started a course at Art College, but the band took up a lot of his time, so he didn't finish the course.

E The band released their first single 'Love Me Do' in October, 1962. They started touring the country. John married his first wife, Cynthia, in secret, and his first son, Julian, was born while they were away. Fans went mad wherever The Beatles played and all of their albums reached the number one spot in the charts.

F I The singer-songwriter and guitarist John Lennon is one of the greatest musicians of all time. Songs like *Give peace a chance* and *Imagine* made him famous all over the world.

G John met Paul McCartney at the second performance of The Quarrymen and he soon joined the band. Later, George Harrison joined them as lead guitarist. In 1960, they became The Beatles and they started looking for a drummer. Ringo Starr replaced their original drummer, Pete Best, in 1962.

b Circle the correct verb form in the questions.

- 1 When was / has been John Lennon born?
- 2 What did his mother buy / has his mother bought for him?
- 3 How long were / have been The Beatles together?
- 4 How did John Lennon die / has John Lennon died?
- 5 How many albums did Julian Lennon make / has Julian Lennon made?
- 6 Which instrument did Sean Lennon play / has Sean Lennon played with different bands?

c Underline five words you don't know. Use your dictionary to check their meaning and pronunciation.

5 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to a radio programme about the American actress and singer Judy Garland and her daughter, Liza Minnelli. How old were they when they first performed on stage?



b Listen again and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

Both women...

- 1 ~~were~~ born in the USA. T
- 2 changed their names. —
- 3 started performing when they were very young. —
- 4 won Oscars. —
- 5 sang together at the London Palladium. —
- 6 had problems. —
- 7 got married more than once. —
- 8 had three children. —

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

award /ə'wɔ:d/	talented /'tæləntɪd/
captain /'kæptɪn/	be influenced by
funeral /'fju:nərəl/	/bi 'nfluənst baɪ/
injure /'ɪndʒə/	(follow in sb's) footsteps
eldest /'eldɪst/	/'fʊtstɛps/
respected /rɪ'spektɪd/	form a band /fɔ:m ə bænd/