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BIG ENGLISH



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STUDENT'S BOOK

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Family Ties

Language in Context

I will learn to talk about families.



Read and answer the questions about families.
Then listen and check.

1 How Many Mackenzies?

Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie have six daughters, and each daughter has one brother. How many people are in the Mackenzie family?

2 Family Name Trivia

What's the most common family name in the world: Chang, García, or Smith?

3 Big Families

Which country has the largest average household size: Italy, Canada, or Colombia?

4 Good Grief, Grandma!

Bai Ulan Kudanding, a woman in the southern Philippines, has 14 children, 107 grandchildren, 138 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She knows all of their names! How many children are there in all?



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Listen and find the family members in the pictures. Use words from the box to name them.

my aunt and uncle my baby sister
my dad my mom my older brother

Calderon Family

1



3



2



4



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Copy the chart into your notebook. Listen again and complete the chart.

What?	Who?	Where?	When?
1 moved	Andrea, her older brother Pedro, and their mom and dad	Brighton	2012
2 opened a restaurant			
3 was born			
4 got married			
5 graduated from cooking school			

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Work with a partner. Ask and answer about the Calderon family.



When was her baby sister born?

She was born in 2012.



THINK BIG

Would you like to live in another country? What challenges can you think of for a family moving to a new country?

I will understand a text about a famous family.



Listen and read. How many Flying Maliceks are there now?

The Biggest Circus Family IN THE WORLD

by Zach Malicek

My name's Zach, and I'm from a big family. I mean, it's a *really* big family. My last name is Malicek. Maybe you don't know us, but we're the biggest circus family in the world. We're "The Flying Maliceks"! We weren't always the biggest circus act, though. When my grandpa Viktor started as a trapeze performer in Slovakia, there was only one Flying Malicek: him!

My grandpa moved to the United Kingdom when he was about 20 years old. He quickly found a circus job working in his new country. A few years later, Grandpa Viktor married my grandma Irina. Grandpa taught my grandma how to perform on the trapeze, and soon there were two Flying Maliceks. My grandma didn't perform all the time, though. She took time off to have a few babies. She had eight of them, actually!

My father Daniel is the youngest child in the family. He has five brothers and two sisters – my uncles and aunts. All of them learned to perform on the trapeze when they were children. The people at the circus love watching the Flying Maliceks. And we all love watching their excited faces when we fly through the air.

My grandpa and grandma are getting older now. They retired from performing about five years ago. But the Flying Maliceks aren't getting smaller – we're getting bigger! I have two older sisters, and we all perform in the act. My aunts and uncles all have children; and they perform, too. In total there are 37 of us! Can you believe it?



Last year, we were on TV. We had our own reality show called *Circus Family*. Some people from the TV show followed us around with cameras all the time. It was exciting, but sometimes I wanted them to go away! One special thing happened when we were on that show. My cousin Gillian met a cameraman, and six months ago they got married. Now he's learning the trapeze, too!



Reading Comprehension

6 Complete the sentences with the correct numbers.

- 1 Viktor moved to the United Kingdom when he was _____ years old.
- 2 Zach's father is the youngest of _____ children.
- 3 Zach has _____ uncles and _____ aunts.
- 4 Zach has _____ older sisters.
- 5 Gillian got married _____ months ago.



How many people are there in a "big" family?
What are the good things about being part of a big family?

Language in Action

I will listen to a dialog about family photos.

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Listen and read. What does Darren learn about Amelia?

Darren: Who's that?

Amelia: Oh, that's Armando. That was a long time ago. I think he was about 12 in that picture.

Darren: Oh, is he your older brother?

Amelia: Yes. He's a lot older than I am. He's 25. He lives in London.

Darren: Really?

Amelia: Yes. He moved to London when he was 23. He works in a hotel.

Darren: That's nice. Mmm... you look like him... a little.

Amelia: Do you think so? Maybe. But he's really tall now. Actually, he's about six feet tall. He's the tallest person in our family.



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Practice the dialog in 7 with a partner.

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Listen and stick. Then write. Use the correct form of a verb from the box.

be born get married graduate move



1 She _____



2 They _____



3 I _____



4 We _____

Grammar

I will learn to use the simple past.

I will learn to use the comparative and the superlative to make comparisons.

We **went** to Los Angeles when I **was** eight.
 When they **were** kids, they **lived** in Mexico City.

She **moved** to Florida three years ago.
 A few months later, she **got** a new job.

Tip: Look for signal words like *when*, *later*, and *ago*.

Simple present → **Simple past**

go	→	went
am	→	was
are	→	were
live	→	lived
get	→	got
move	→	moved

10 Complete the paragraph. Use the correct form of the verbs.

This is my older sister Lisa. She's very happy today because, a few hours ago, she ¹ _____ (buy) her first car! She saved money from all her part-time jobs. She ² _____ (get) her first job a long time ago when she ³ _____ (be) only 11 years old. She delivered newspapers in our neighborhood. Later, when she was 14, she ⁴ _____ (start) to tutor younger children after school. Then when Lisa was 16, she ⁵ _____ (find) a job at a restaurant. She ⁶ _____ (work) there almost every weekend when she was in tenth grade. Then a week ago, she finally ⁷ _____ (have) enough money to buy a car. I'm very proud of my sister. She works really hard!



Sue's **taller than** Yoko and Mark.

Yoko is **shorter than** Sue and Mark.

Sue's **the tallest** person in our class.

Yoko's **the shortest** person in our class.

11 Look at the pictures and make sentences.

1



2



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- (short) Claire is the _____.
- (small) Fido is _____ than Blue.
- James is _____ than Sally.

I will learn about different types of animal families.

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Listen and read. What is the name of each animal's social group?

CONTENT WORDS

alpha emotions female herd
male pack pride structure troop

Animal Families

There are many different types of families, but the purpose of a family is similar: to care for each other. Humans aren't the only ones who live in families. Many other animals have their own family structures, too.



► Elephants

Elephants live in herds, or groups, of six to twelve elephants. After the age of 14, most male elephants leave the herd to live on their own most of the time. One female is usually the leader of the herd, and the group often includes her children, her sisters, her sisters' children, and even grandchildren. Elephants are able to feel emotions, and when an elephant dies, they cry just like humans do.

► Wolves

Some types of wolves live together in a large group called a pack. In the pack, there is an alpha (leader) male and an alpha female. These two wolves are responsible for acting as the parents, and having more babies for the group. Other wolves in the pack help the alpha male and female take turns caring for the young wolves.



► Lions

Lions live in social groups called prides. A pride usually has five or six adult females, one or two males, and their children. Lions travel together, look for food, and help take care of each other. Female lions are very important in the pride, and when the group kills an animal for food, the females eat first.

► Chimpanzees

Chimpanzees live in troops that have a very strong social structure. When a mother chimpanzee gets older, her children will often come back to the troop to take care of her. Chimps have friends in their troop. The friends play games together and pick insects and dirt out of their friends' fur.



13 Look at the passage. Correct the sentences.

- 1 A male elephant is usually the leader of the herd.
- 2 There is usually only one adult male in a wolf pack.
- 3 Lions cry when they are sad.
- 4 Chimpanzees never come back to take care of their mother.



How do other types of animals take care of each other?
List a few examples.

I will learn about special family days.

CONTENT WORDS

into ribbon sneak stuff symbolize tradition treat



Listen and read. Which paragraph talks about: a Birthdays, b Weddings, c Mother's Day?

Special Days for Families

- All around the world, families celebrate special days together. Traditions for these days are as different as the countries and the people who celebrate them. Some of these traditions may surprise you.
- Getting married is one of the most important days in the lives of many people around the world. In Germany, the friends and family of the bride and groom gather a day before the wedding. They break dishes, flower pots, bottles, and plates. Then the young couple has to clean it all up! This tradition is called *polterabend*. Germans believe that it brings good luck to the new couple. Cleaning up the mess together also symbolizes that they'll have to work together through the good and bad times in their life.
- Families in most countries have a special day to celebrate mothers. In Serbia, this day is on the second Sunday before Christmas. On that day, children sneak into their mother's bedroom and tie her feet with ribbon so that she can't get out of bed. Then they shout, "Mother's Day, Mother's Day! What will you pay to get away?" Then the mother gives them small treats and presents as payment so that the kids "free" her.
- In China, they say that babies are one year old when they are born. After that, all children celebrate their birthday on New Year's Day because that's when they grow a year older. Actual birthdays are usually celebrated with a big family meal. The tradition is that the "birthday boy" or "birthday girl" should stuff their mouth with as many long noodles as they can and then eat them. This is because in Chinese culture, long noodles symbolize a long life.



15 Look at the passage. Complete the sentences. Use words from the text.

- Polterabend takes place a day _____ the wedding.
- In Serbia, the kids _____ their mom's _____ to keep her on the bed.
- The traditional food for a Chinese birthday party is _____.



Do you think traditional celebrations are important?
Why?

I will learn to write my autobiography.

16 Read Rosie's story.

My Story
by Rosie Harris

I was born in 2003. My family lived in Islington, London. When I was a year old, my family moved to St. Albans. There were just three of us then: my mom, my dad, and me. Two years later, we moved to Nottingham. We lived there until 2010. By then, I had two younger brothers. We needed a bigger house! So when I was seven, we moved to Peterborough. A few months ago, we went back to visit our old neighborhood in Nottingham. I saw my old house. It looked even smaller than I remembered! Our family and our house are much bigger now!



17 Complete the chart with information from the story in 16.

When?	What happened?
2003	<i>I was born. We lived in Islington, London.</i>
2004	
	<i>We moved to Nottingham.</i>
2010	
A few months ago	

18 Copy the chart into your notebook and complete it with information about your life so far. Then use it to write a story about you.

When?	What happened?

19 Work in a small group. Take turns reading your stories. What's the same? What's different?

Life Skills | Keep family traditions.

I will learn to talk about family traditions.

- 20** What kind of family traditions do you have? Copy, read, and ✓. Add one tradition of your own. Then ask a partner.

Tradition	You	Your partner
1 We visit our relatives on special holidays.		
2 We have a special meal on family birthdays.		
3 We have a family night at home every week.		
4		



Project

- 21** Make a page for a class book about family traditions.

- 1 Include a drawing or a picture of your favorite family tradition.
- 2 Write a short description about it.
- 3 Share your page with the class.

Two years ago, we started a new family tradition. We have family night every Thursday night. We all make time to be together. Last week, we played a board game. I lost, but it was fun.

My family has family night every Thursday.



Listening and Speaking

I will review the sounds *ge*, *gi*, and *gy*.

I will learn to talk about an interesting family member.

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22 Listen, read, and repeat.

1 **g-e ge** 2 **g-i gi** 3 **g-y gy**

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23 Listen and blend the sounds.

1 g-e-l gel 2 g-i-n-g-er ginger
3 g-y-m gym 4 g-y-p-s-y gypsy
5 g-i-r-a-ffe giraffe 6 g-e-m gem

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24 Listen and chant.

A giraffe
Worked out in a gym.
Quick! Get him some gel
For his hair!



25 Complete the story. Make up the information.

Aunt Isobel

Aunt Isobel is a very interesting person. She was born in ¹ _____, but her family moved to ² _____ when she was ³ _____ years old. When she was in ⁴ _____ school, she had a collection of ⁵ _____. It was probably the ⁶ _____ collection of ⁷ _____ in the world. People came from all over the world to see it. Now Aunt Isobel is ⁸ _____ years old, and she lives in ⁹ _____ with ¹⁰ _____.



26 Take turns asking your classmates about their Aunt Isobel stories.

- 1 Where was Aunt Isobel born?
- 2 When did her family move?
- 3 Where did they go?
- 4 What kind of collection did Aunt Isobel have?
- 5 Why was the collection special?
- 6 How old is Aunt Isobel now?
- 7 Where does she live now?
- 8 Who does she live with?

Review

27 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb.

be born get married graduate move



1 My favorite aunt _____ from college two years ago.



2 In 2007, his grandparents _____ to Boston.



3 When Celia's brother _____, she was five years old.



4 Our parents _____ fifteen years ago.

28 Complete the dialog. Use the correct form of the words.

Anna: Who's that?

Ben: That's a picture of my grandmother. She ¹ _____ (graduate) from college this year.

Anna: That's amazing!

Ben: Yes, it is. She ² _____ (start) college when she was fifty-seven years old. Years ago, when she ³ _____ (be) young, some of her best friends ⁴ _____ (go) to college, but she was busy with her children. She didn't have time for college.

Anna: Was she the ⁵ _____ (old) of all the graduates?

Ben: Actually, no. My grandmother's friend Elmer just graduated, too. And he was even ⁶ _____ (old) than my grandmother. He was seventy-two.



I Can

- use words for family members and words related to important life events.

- talk about important life events using the past simple.

- make comparisons.

- write an autobiography.



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Language in Context

1 Match the pictures with the sentences. Write the number.



- ___ a The couple got married. ___ b The student graduated from college.
 ___ c The family moved to a new house. ___ d The family opened a restaurant.
 ___ e The baby was born at 5 a.m.

2 Answer the questions about your family. Circle **Yes** or **No**.

Last year:

- | | | |
|--|-----|----|
| 1 Did your family open a store? | Yes | No |
| 2 Did you move to a new home? | Yes | No |
| 3 Did a family member graduate from college? | Yes | No |
| 4 Was a new family member born? | Yes | No |
| 5 Did a family member get married? | Yes | No |

3 Match and complete the phrases. Write the words.

- | | |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1 graduated | a _____ to a new place |
| 2 moved | b _____ from business school |
| 3 got | c _____ born |
| 4 opened | d _____ a store |
| 5 was | e _____ married |

4 Listen to the events in Ken's life. Then number the timeline in order and write the events.

Timeline of Ken's Life



- Age 25 _____
- Age 44 _____
- Age 21 _____
- Age 0 _____
- Age 28 _____

Complete the sentences with *unt*, *brother*, *sister*, or *uncle*.



- 1 My mom's sister is my _____.
- 2 My dad's brother is my _____.
- 3 My aunt is my dad's _____.
- 4 My uncle is my mom's _____.





Listen and read. Then answer the questions.

My Amazing Family



My name is Theresa, and I have an unusual and amazing family. We're superheroes! We can do amazing things, and we like to help people.

My mom was born in Venice, and she moved to Barcelona in 1996. My dad was born in Barcelona. He met my mom there when they both helped save people in a house fire. They got married in 2000 and had three children soon after that. I'm the oldest child, and I have a younger brother, Tomas, and a baby sister, Tara. Tomas is eight. I'm stronger than him. I can pick up a car! But Tomas is faster than me. He can run a kilometer in less than 15 seconds! That's really fast! Tara is incredible! She can make herself very, very small – sometimes smaller than a peanut. That's why we call her "Peanut". I love my family because we're always doing exciting things.

1 Why is this family amazing?

2 Where was Theresa's mom born?

3 Where did Theresa's parents meet?

4 Who's the oldest child in the family?

5 Why does the family call Tara "Peanut"?

6 Answer the questions.

1 What special power would you like to have? Why?

2 What are you going to do with your special power?



Language in Action

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Listen. Then circle the correct answers.

Will: Oh... this is a great picture! What a cute baby!

Deb: Guess who... ?

Will: No! That's not you! Is it?

Deb: Yes... that's me. That's the day I was born.

Will: That's nice. But... what happened?

Deb: What do you mean?

Will: You were so much cuter then!

Deb: Ha! Ha! Very funny. My mother says I was the cutest baby in the world.

Will: Well, I don't know... but you were pretty cute.

Deb: Thanks.



1 Who is the baby in the picture?

a someone in Will's family

b Deb

2 Will ___ when he says that Deb was cuter when she was a baby.

a is serious

b is joking

3 Deb's mom said that she was the cutest baby in the world. Will ___.

a agrees

b doesn't really agree

8 **Look at 7. Read the underlined expressions. Match the expressions with their meanings. Write the letters.**

___ 1 That's nice.

a I don't understand what you're talking about.

___ 2 What do you mean?

b That's not funny.

___ 3 Ha! Ha! Very funny.

c I don't think that's exactly true.

___ 4 Well, I don't know...

d I like it.

9 **Circle the correct expression.**

1 **A:** That's a picture of my brother.

2 **A:** That's the day we moved.

B: **That's nice.** / **Well, I don't know.**
You don't look like him at all.

B: **What do you mean?** / **Ha! Ha! Very funny.**

A: Yes, I do because we're twins!

A: We moved from New York to Ohio.

B: I didn't know that!

How did I do?



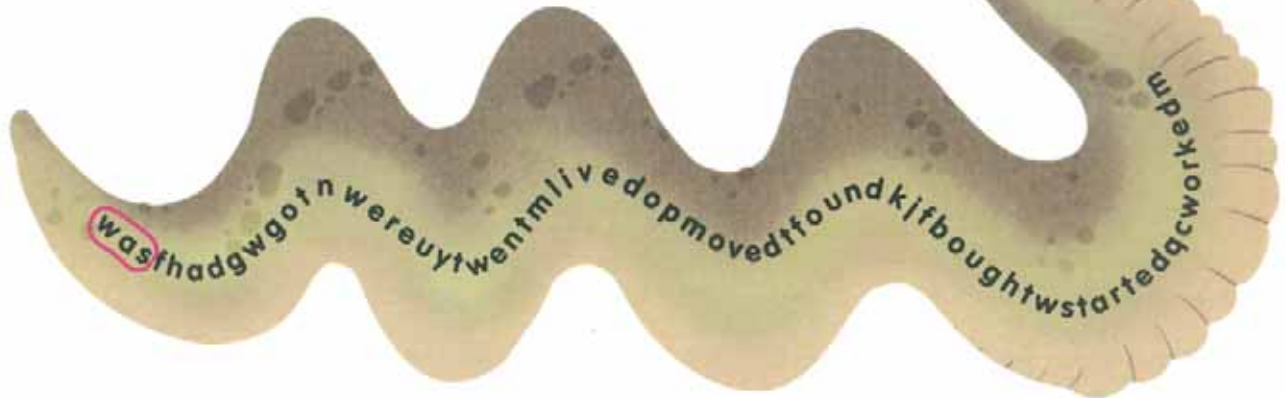
Grammar

We **went** to Los Angeles when I **was** eight.
When they **were** kids, they **lived** in Mexico City.

She **moved** to Florida three years **ago**.
A few months **later**, she **got** a new job.



10 Find and circle ten past tense verbs.



11 Look at 10. Write the past tense form of the verbs.

be	<u>was / were</u>	have	_____
buy	_____	live	_____
find	_____	move	_____
get	_____	start	_____
go	_____	work	_____

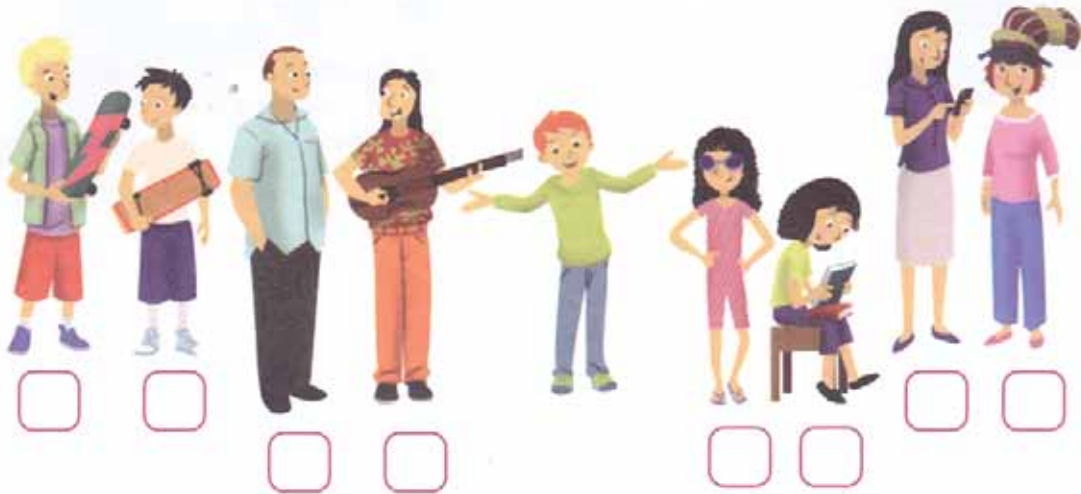
12 Complete the paragraph. Use the correct form of the verbs in 11.

My mom and dad ¹ got married when they ² _____ 24.
They ³ _____ with my dad's parents because they ⁴ _____
to save money to buy their own house. They both ⁵ _____ long
hours at their jobs. A few years later, they ⁶ _____ a house. That
⁷ _____ 15 years ago. They ⁸ _____ into the house on my
mother's birthday. I ⁹ _____ born a year later!



Sue's **taller than** Yoko and Mark.
Sue's **the tallest** person in our class.

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13 Listen and number the family members.



14 Look at the picture. Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the words in parentheses.

- (tall) Joan is tall.
Ben is _____ than Joan.
Ben is _____ child.
- (young) Maria is _____.
Maria is _____ Joan and Ben.
Maria is _____ child.
- (long) Maria's hair is _____.
Ben's hair. Joan's hair is _____
hair of all.



15 Think of a good friend. How are you different? Write sentences. Use the words in the box.

big new old strong tall

- _____
- _____
- _____



16 Read the family descriptions. Circle the correct animal.

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 These animals live in packs. | wolves | elephants |
| 2 The females eat first. | elephants | lions |
| 3 These animals live in troops. | chimpanzees | wolves |
| 4 The males live on their own. | elephants | lions |
| 5 The leaders are called alphas. | wolves | chimpanzees |
| 6 These animals can cry. | lions | elephants |

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17 Complete the text with the words in the box. Then listen and check.

dad male Female prides families children

Good and Bad Dads in the Animal Kingdom

Just like your mom, your dad is a special and important person in your family. Think of all the things that your dad does for you. Many dads work hard to pay for the things that their families need. They also do many things at home to help take care of their children.

Fathers are important in the animal kingdom, too. They take care of their families and some even take care of other families. But some fathers are better than others.

- 1** Lions live in social groups called _____. _____ lions find food and take care of the children. Male lions aren't great dads. They like to sleep a lot.



- 2** Seahorses have big _____. Seahorses can have 1,000 babies at a time. The male seahorse is a good _____. He carries the eggs in his tail for three weeks until the baby seahorses are born.



- 3** Emus don't usually live in families, but _____ emus are great dads. The male emu builds a nest for his _____ all by himself. He sits on the eggs until the baby emus are born. During this time, he doesn't eat or drink!



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Listen and read. Match paragraphs 1–4 with pictures a–d. Who eats Fairy Bread on their birthday?

Special Birthdays

Do you celebrate your birthday? Is there a special tradition in your family or in your culture for birthdays? Many cultures around the world celebrate birthdays – in many different ways. Some cultures celebrate by giving treats to the birthday boy or girl. Other cultures celebrate by doing something special that symbolizes the child's special day. Read on to find out more about how some children around the world celebrate their birthday.

- 1 In Nigeria, first, fifth, tenth, and fifteenth birthdays are very important. Many parents have big parties for their children and more than 1,000 people come. They eat a lot – sometimes a whole roasted cow!
- 2 A lot of Brazilian children have fun birthdays. Some parents decorate the house with brightly-colored banners and flowers. Brazilians also pull on the ear of the birthday boy or girl. They pull once for each year.
- 3 On the first birthday of all Hindu children in India, the parents shave the top of their child's head. When they are older, they have birthday parties. They wear new clothes and give thanks to their parents by touching their parents' feet. At school, the birthday child gives chocolate to classmates.
- 4 Australian children have very sweet birthdays! They eat Fairy Bread. This is a slice of bread and butter covered with small sugary sprinkles called *hundreds and thousands*.



19 Read 18 again and circle T for true or F for false.

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| 1 Fifth, tenth, fifteenth, and twentieth birthdays are important in Nigeria. | T | F |
| 2 Sometimes people in Nigeria roast a cow for a special birthday. | T | F |
| 3 Brazilian parents sometimes decorate the house on their child's birthday. | T | F |
| 4 Brazilians pull twice on a child's ear for each year of his or her birthday. | T | F |
| 5 When Hindu children in India turn one, their parents shave the top of their heads. | T | F |
| 6 Australian children have fairy cakes on their birthdays. | T | F |

How did I do?



An autobiography describes the important events in your life and when they happened. The events are in the order they happened. The information often includes:

- when and where you were born
- things you did
- special memories
- places you lived
- your family and friends
- your interests.

20 Read Adele's autobiography. Add events from the chart. Use the correct form of the verbs.

Dates	Events
1988	be born in London, England
1991	start singing
2006	write my first successful songs
2009	win a Grammy Award
2011	have throat surgery
2009 to the present	start donating to charities



My Life

My name is Adele. My full name is Adele Laurie Blue Adkins. I ¹ _____ in 1988. I'm an only child. I don't have any brothers or sisters, so my mom and I are very close. I ² _____ in front of my mom's friends when I was only three. I loved music and ³ _____ when I was at the BRIT School for Performing Arts and Technology. I was about 18 years old. Three years later, ⁴ _____. That was in 2009. I ⁵ _____, but I'm fine now and continue to sing and receive awards for my work. In 2009, I ⁶ _____ that help sick children and families of sick children and to charities that help musicians in need.

21 In the Student's Book, you were asked to write a story about your life. Now write a different, imaginary story about your life. Complete the chart below and use it to help you write.

Date	Event
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



Review

22 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be born buy get married move start

Notes about my family

- 1 My brother _____ a new car last month. He is so happy.
- 2 I miss my grandma and grandpa. A year ago, they _____ away, and now they live in Monterey.
- 3 My cousin _____ art school last year. He is a really good artist.
- 4 I have a new baby brother. He _____ a few weeks ago. He looks like me!
- 5 When my parents _____, they were very young. They made a beautiful couple.

23 Complete the sentences. Use **when**, **ago**, or **later** and the correct form of the verbs.

When?	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18	Age 19	Age 21
What happened?	learn to drive	get a part-time job	start college	buy first car	graduate

- 1 Jack learned to drive when he was 16.
- 2 He _____ a part-time job _____ he _____ 17.
- 3 _____ he _____ 18, he _____ college.
- 4 One year _____, he _____ his first car. He _____ 19.
- 5 He _____ from college two years _____ and now he works at a bank.

24 Complete the dialog. Use the correct form of the words in parentheses.

A: Tell me about your family, David.

B: Well, I have three sisters, Jen, Beth, and Kim. Jen is _____ (old) of the three. Beth is _____ (young). And Kim is in the middle.

A: Really?

B: Yeah. And guess what. Beth is _____ (tall) in my family!

