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Headway 1

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1 Match six of the phrases to the photos.



EP

be born get a degree get a driving licence get a job retire get married go to university
have children leave home leave school move home start school vote

2 Put the life events in Exercise 1 in order. There is more than one possible answer. Then compare your answers.



Start school



Get a degree



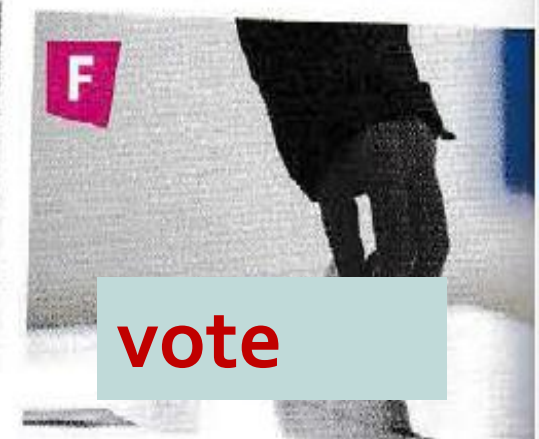
Get a driving license



Get married



Move home



vote

Around the world: Age and events

- 1** In England, children usually start school when they are _____.
A 4 **B** 5 **C** 6
- 2** In Belgium and Germany, students cannot leave school before they are _____.
A 14 **B** 16 **C** 18
- 3** In some states in the USA, the youngest age you can get a driving licence is _____.
A 14 **B** 16 **C** 17
- 4** In England, around _____% of young people go to university. About 6% of these students leave university before the end of their course and don't get a degree.
A 33 **B** 43 **C** 53
- 5** In almost all European countries, _____ leave home before _____.
A men, women **B** women, men
- 6** In the UK, children of _____ are allowed to get a part-time job.
A any age **B** 13 or over **C** 16 or over
- 7** In _____, the average age at which women and men get married is 33.
A Spain **B** India **C** Japan
- 8** In Brazil you can vote in elections from the age of _____.
A 16 **B** 18 **C** 21



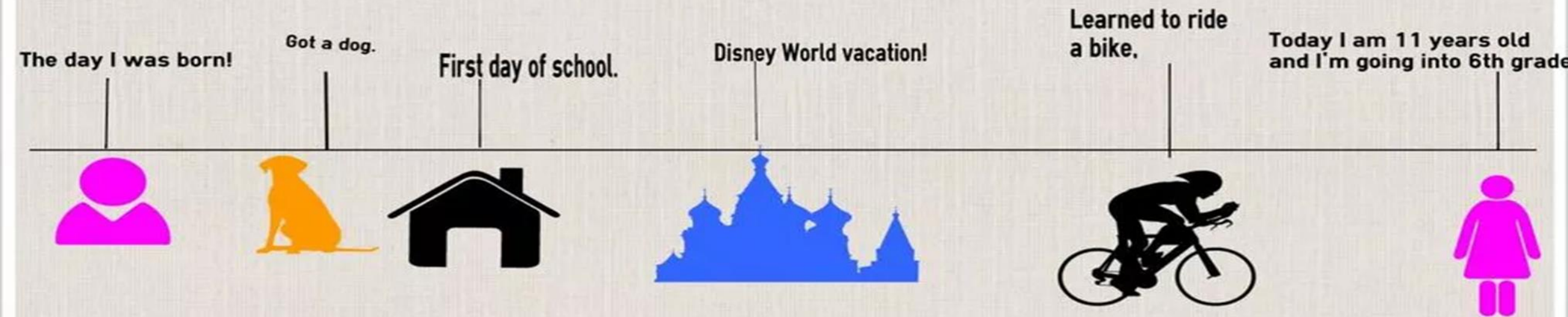
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Listen and choose Charlie's answers to the quiz.

7 Discuss the questions.

- 1 When can you leave school in your country?
- 2 At what age can you get a job?
- 3 How old do you have to be to get a driving licence?
- 4 What do you think is the best age to get married?
- 5 Is it important to go to university and get a degree?
Why? / Why not?
- 6 Which of your relatives have retired?

My Life Timeline



What do you want to do in your life?

5 >> In pairs, choose *your* answers to the quiz. Then check your answers on page 120. Did you get more points than Charlie?

6 Look at the events in Exercise 1 again. Make six sentences with *I want to ...*

I want to leave home before I'm 25. I want to retire before I'm 40!

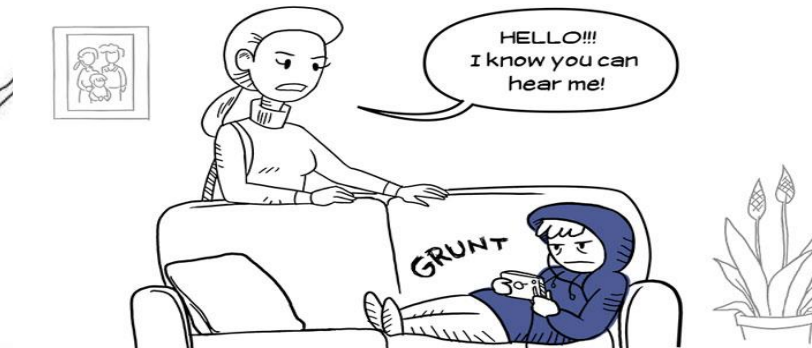
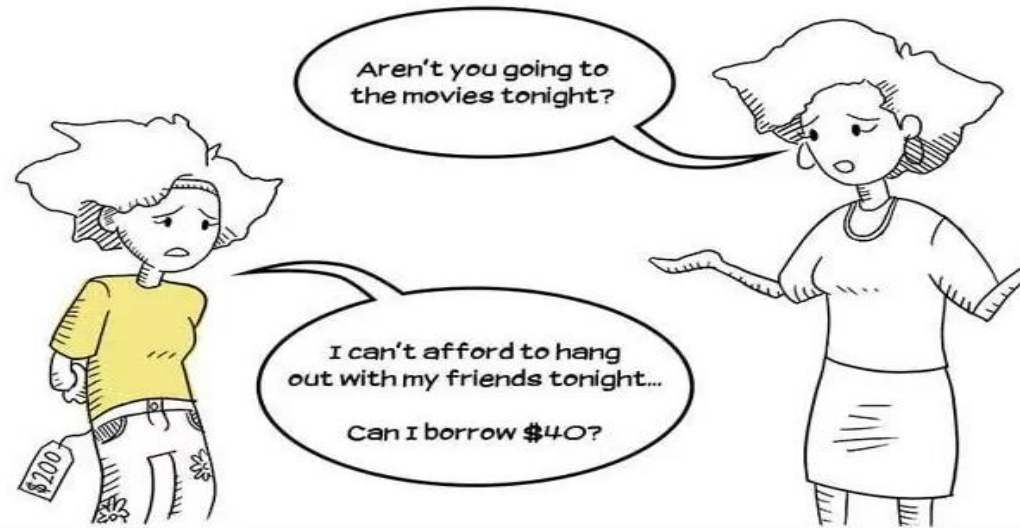
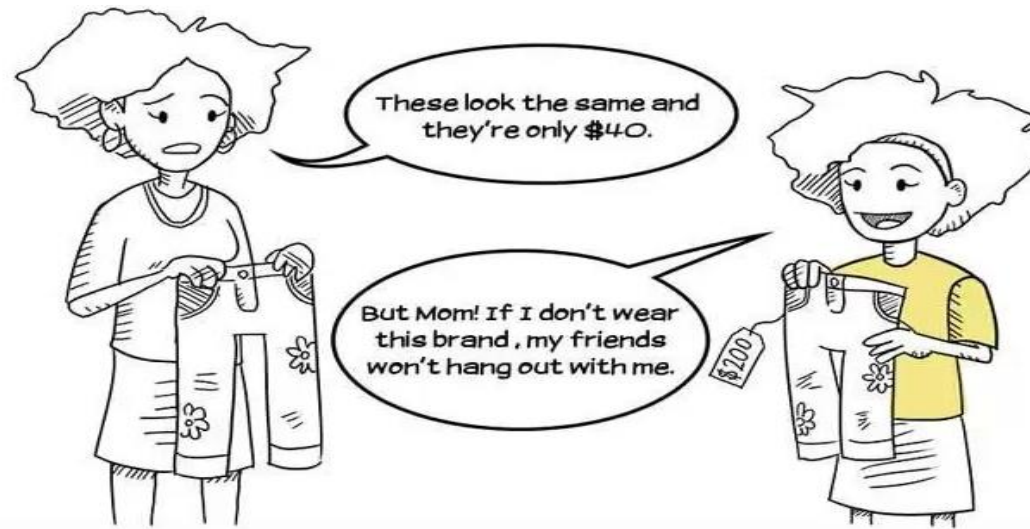
1 Read the article quickly. Who thinks teenage life ...

1 is better now?

2 was better in the past?



Is teenage life better now than in the past?



Simon Everything is so different from when I was a teenager. Technology is the greatest change. I had a computer – but only for games, really. And I remember my dad's first mobile phone in the car – it was huge! But the internet and smartphones changed teenage life forever. *We* wrote letters; *they* are texting each other all day. *We* bought a few CDs every month; *they've* got almost every song in the world – in a tiny device in their pocket! When we moved home, we often never saw old friends again. Now it's simple to stay in contact with anyone, anywhere. To me, teenage life looks more exciting than it was.

Not everything is positive, of course. I don't think teenagers now are as healthy as we were in the past. They don't do enough exercise. Without technology, we were more active and spent a lot of our free time outside. Roads were safer, of course, but it's **unbelievable** to think that often our parents didn't have any idea where we were!



Emily Yes, technology makes our lives easier and is now essential for entertainment and school. But it brings problems too – the worst are awful things like bullying on social media ...

My problem is that teenage life is too busy now. On weekdays, as well as normal lessons, there are clubs at lunchtimes. Then after school on Mondays I have Spanish lessons, trumpet on Wednesdays and our band practises on Fridays. And weekends are just not long enough! On Saturday there's yoga club and on Sunday we often see relatives. Then there's homework, of course. Sometimes I'm exhausted on Sunday evenings!

The future will be harder for us, too. And I get worried about that. My friends and I feel the most important thing is to get a good degree – or we won't be able to leave home and get a job. And that means we have to get good marks in everything now. It's stressful.

I think my parents' teenage years were more relaxed than ours are today.



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Read the article again. Choose the correct answers.

lect text

- 1 When Simon was a teenager,
 - A his dad owned a computer and a mobile phone.
 - B he owned a computer.
 - C he played games on his dad's phone.
- 2 Simon thinks that before the internet
 - A teenagers spent a lot of money on music.
 - B it was hard to stay friends with people you didn't see.
 - C teenagers enjoyed writing letters.
- 3 Why does Simon think that teenagers spent a lot of time outside?
 - A because their parents weren't worried about them
 - B because the roads weren't as dangerous
 - C because phones and computers didn't exist
- 4 Emily thinks that teenagers
 - A need technology for their school work.
 - B shouldn't use social media.
 - C aren't as happy as they were.
- 5 During the week, Emily
 - A has extra music and language lessons.
 - B never has time for lunch.
 - C doesn't do any sport.
- 6 Why does Emily think she has to go to university?
 - A because her friends want to go
 - B because jobs will be harder to find in the future
 - C because she always gets good marks at school

huge
tiny
unbelievable
awful
exhausted
relaxed

3 Match the **highlighted** words in the text to the meanings.

- 1 difficult to think is true
- 2 calm and not busy
- 3 very tired
- 4 very bad
- 5 very small
- 6 very big



TALKING POINTS

How was your parents' teenage life different from yours?

What problems can modern life bring for teenagers?