



Solutions Intermediate *Unit 1A*

Ages and Stages

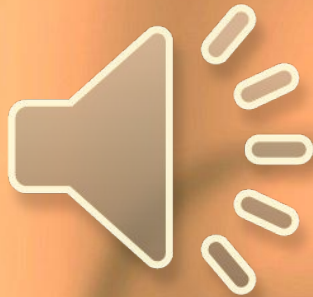
Look at a famous riddle said by Sophocles. Can you solve it?

*What creature walks on four legs in the morning,
two legs in the afternoon, and three in the evening?*



VOCABULARY

Number the stages of life in
order that people reach them.
Then listen and check.



Be an adult	6
Be a centenarian	9
Be an infant	1
Be a toddler	2
Be a young child	3
Be elderly	8
Be in your teens	4
Be in your twenties	5
Be middle-aged	7

What are these stages of life?

A

B

C

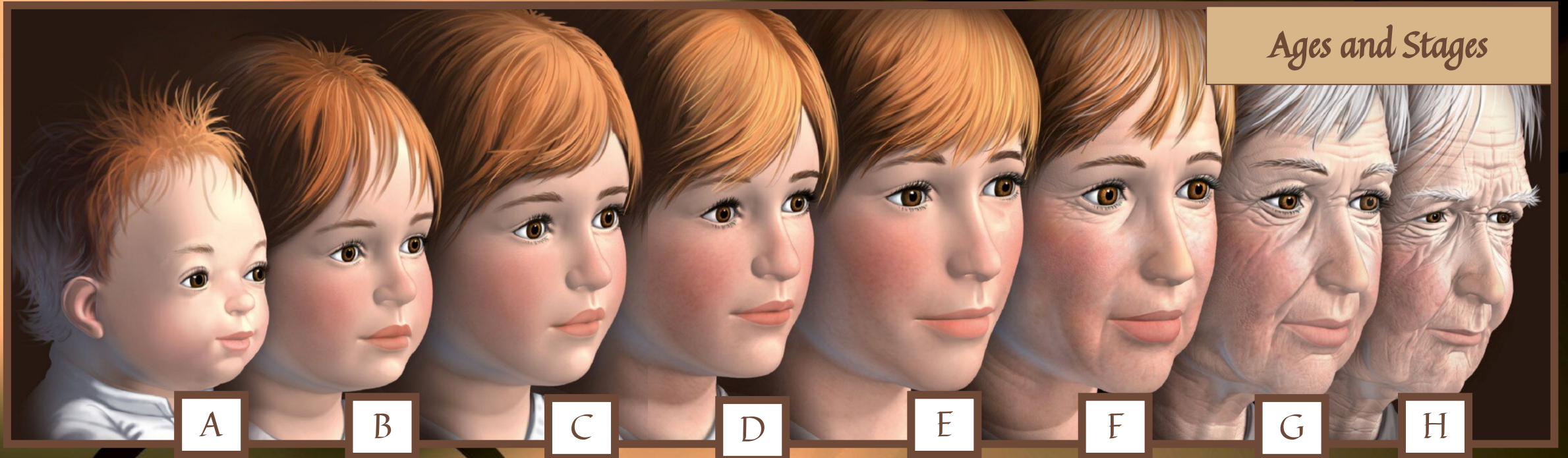
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SPEAKING

At what age are these events most likely to happen?

Before you are 20	From 20 to 40	From 40 to 60	Over 60	At any age

Be brought up	Become a grandparent	Buy a house or flat	Emigrate	Fall in love
Get divorced	Get engaged	Get married	Get your first job	Grow up
Have a change of career	Inherit (money, a house...)	Learn to drive	Leave home	Leave school
Move (house)	Retire	Settle down	Split up	Start business

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LISTENING

1. BÍla's dad

- a) Was born in the UK.
- b) Is going to have a change of career.
- c) Wants to study law.

2. Sandra's family

- a) Have owned a number of farms.
- b) Sold the first farm and bought a bigger one.
- c) Have owned the same farm for many years

3. Charlotte's mum

- a) Brought up her daughter in France.
- b) Isn't married.
- c) Has been married twice.

4. Calum's parents

- a) Inherited and ran a successful family business.
- b) Didn't have a good education.
- c) Left Britain many years ago.

*Listen to four people talking about
their backgrounds and their
families.*

Choose the correct answer.



Listen to a teenage girl asking people in the street about the best age to do certain things in life. Complete the table.



Best age to leave home:

1 Woman

Best age to learn to drive:

2 Girl

Best age to start a family:

3 Boy

Best age to buy a house or flat:

4 Girl



GRAMMAR

RECYCLE! Past simple

- Remember that there are no rules for the affirmative forms of irregular verbs (e.g. *go – went*), and that the spelling changes with some regular verbs (e.g. *stop – stopped, carry – carried*).

We form the past simple negative with *didn't* and the interrogative with *did*. (The verbs *be* and *can* are exceptions.)

Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs from the list.

be	buy
emigrate	fall
get	grow up
leave	move
not go	not leave
not retire	start

emigrated

1. My grandparents ^{didn't leave} _____ from Pakistan in the 1960s.
2. She _____ home until last summer, until she got married.
3. I ^{grew up} _____ in the village where my family has lived for generations.
4. They managed to save quite a bit of money and eventually _____ a small farmhouse with some land.
5. They _____ in love, ^{bought} _____ engaged after a week and were married a month later.
6. I ^{fell} _____ brought up by my mom after she ^{got} _____ back to the UK.
7. They ^{was} _____ school at sixteen and _____ to university.
8. They ^{started} _____ a successful business and ^{didn't retire} _____ until they were in their seventies.

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SPEAKING

How long has your family lived in your home town?

Did any of them move from another part of your country?

Did any of your ancestors or members of your family emigrate to another country? Where to? When? Why?



Great Job!



** Vocabulary check*

Remember the words!

Settle down

Centenarian

Столетний человек

Get divorced

Crawl

Ползать

Crawl

Settle down

Осесть, обосноваться

Toddler

Retire

Уйти на пенсию

Centenarian

Bring up

Воспитывать

Bring up

Get engaged

Быть помолвленным

Get engaged

Get divorced

Развестись

Retire

Toddler

Ребенок трех/четырёх лет