

# 20 LIFE CHANGES

## VOCABULARY

### Change as a verb and noun

#### 1 Match the sentences.

- 1 I'm going to the department store to change some shoes. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 I don't have to change trains. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3 I haven't had a change of address. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 I'm taking a change of clothes. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 I need to change this twenty-pound note. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6 I'm changing my life. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 7 I think this will make a nice change. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 8 Change will be difficult for me. \_\_\_\_\_
- a I'll need something else to wear after working in Grandma's garden.
  - b I need to get fitter.
  - c I still live there.
  - d I'm going to have eggs for breakfast today instead of fruit.
  - e I want a drink from the drinks machine.
  - f I like things as they are now.
  - g I need a larger size.
  - h I stay on the same one all the way.

#### 2 Complete the sentences with *a change* or *to change*.

- 1 I think Arlo wants \_\_\_\_\_ his job.
- 2 Please let us know if you have \_\_\_\_\_ of address.
- 3 Is it possible \_\_\_\_\_ ten dollars?
- 4 I think \_\_\_\_\_ will be good for you.
- 5 It was a long journey across the city. We had \_\_\_\_\_ buses four times.
- 6 Make sure you bring \_\_\_\_\_ of clothes for the trip. It's going to snow!
- 7 I'd like \_\_\_\_\_ this video game, please.
- 8 It was sunny today. That was \_\_\_\_\_ from all the rain we've had this week.

#### 3 Read the sentences. Is *change* a noun or a verb in each one? Write *N* (noun) or *V* (verb).

- 0 Does Arlo want to change his job?  V
- 1 Please let us know your change of address. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Can you change a twenty-pound note? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 It was a long journey. We had to change trains four times. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Bring a change of clothes for the trip. It's going to snow! \_\_\_\_\_

## GRAMMAR

### Past simple passive

#### 1 Tick (✓) the sentences which you think are the most probable.



- 1 a Jim ate some fish last night. \_\_\_\_\_  
b Jim was eaten by a fish last night. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 a The baby was driven home from the hospital. \_\_\_\_\_  
b The baby drove home from the hospital. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 a The dog gave its owner some meat. \_\_\_\_\_  
b The dog was given some meat by its owner. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 a The teacher taught the lesson. \_\_\_\_\_  
b The teacher was taught the lesson. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 a Nadya asked to clean her bedroom. \_\_\_\_\_  
b Nadya was asked to clean her bedroom. \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2 Complete the sentences with the past simple passive form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The Statue of Liberty \_\_\_\_\_ (give) to the USA by France.
- 2 A film \_\_\_\_\_ (make) in our street. My brother and I were in it!
- 3 The cathedral and castle in our town \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) by thousands of tourists last summer.
- 4 The new museum \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) in 2012.
- 5 My room \_\_\_\_\_ (decorate) last year.
- 6 We \_\_\_\_\_ (take) around the cathedral by a guide.
- 7 Buckingham Palace \_\_\_\_\_ (build) in the 18th century.

### 3 Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Use *by* when necessary.

- 0 Serena Williams won the singles gold medal at the Olympics.  
The singles gold medal at the Olympics was won by Serena Williams.
- 1 Adam and Kevin Pearce set up the LoveYourBrain foundation in 2014.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 The president opened the new museum last summer.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 They opened the royal gardens to the public in 2002.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 My parents gave me this leather bag when I went to high school.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Someone gave these expensive paintings to our local museum.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Last year, over three million people visited the Empire State Building.  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 4 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 My old shorts was eaten by my dog.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I am selling my little home in the centre of town. It was build 25 years ago.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 My birthday party was very enjoyable. All the people were danced.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 My mobile is fantastic. It were made in Mexico.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Do you know about my new flat? I was moved there two weeks ago.  
\_\_\_\_\_



## VOCABULARY

### Life changes

#### 1 Which event usually happens first in each pair? Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- |                      |       |                        |         |
|----------------------|-------|------------------------|---------|
| 0 You learn to talk. | _____ | You are born.          | _____ ✓ |
| 1 You learn to talk. | _____ | You become a teenager. | _____   |
| 2 You start working. | _____ | You go to high school. | _____   |
| 3 You get married.   | _____ | You start school.      | _____   |
| 4 You learn to walk. | _____ | You travel.            | _____   |
| 5 You take exams.    | _____ | You are born.          | _____   |

#### 2 Complete the text with the words in the box.

|        |          |        |       |       |
|--------|----------|--------|-------|-------|
| became | born     | change | found | moved |
| take   | training | travel | work  |       |

My sister was <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in 1998, so she's a few years older than me. When we were young, we <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ house many times, so she had to <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ schools a lot, too. Since she left school, she has done a lot of jobs. First, she <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi driver. She had to <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a difficult exam to do that job. But she found the long hours really hard so she looked for another job. She started <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as a receptionist in a hotel, but she didn't like the manager there, so she decided to <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to France where she <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ part-time work in a restaurant in Lyon. She went to French classes when she wasn't at work. However, she started to miss home, so she came back and she's just started <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to be a police officer.



## READING

- 1 Read the biography and number the paragraphs in the correct order.

# A Biography of my Father

- a** ☐ After he left school, he went to Exeter University to study history. He did very well at university, and when his course finished, he moved to Durham and got a job at the university there. He taught history. He really enjoyed helping the students learn, and while he was doing this job, he became a writer. He wrote two books about the history of twentieth-century Europe. Unfortunately, he also stopped playing the piano.

- 2 Read *A Biography of my Father* again and number the changes in his life in the order they happened.

- a He went to live and work in Durham. ....
- b He changed his job. ....
- c He started to play the piano very well. ....
- d He started writing books. ....
- e He was born. .... 1 ....
- f He studied at Exeter University. ....
- g He went to a concert which changed his life. ....
- h He was given a piano. ....

- b** ☐ Six months after that life-changing evening, he started his own jazz band with friends who were a singer, a drummer and a guitar player. People couldn't believe it when he left his good job at the university, but Dad has worked as a piano player in the band for 20 years now, and it still makes him very happy. He says, 'You have to do what you love'.
- c** ☐ My father was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on 5th January 1970. When he was a boy, his grandmother gave Dad her beautiful old piano. He quickly learned to play it, and he practised every day. He soon became very good at it. When he grew up, he took this piano with him every time he moved house.
- d** ☐ One evening, before I was born, he went with my mother to a piano concert. This concert changed his life. While he was watching the woman playing the piano, he remembered how much he loved playing it. That night he sat down at the piano that he was given as a child and began playing again.

## LISTENING



## PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

## Listening Part 3

**1** For each question, choose the correct answer.



You will hear Robert talking to his friend Penny about moving house.

- |                                             |                                   |                                    |                                         |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> When is Robert moving?             | <b>A</b> in May                   | <b>B</b> in June                   | <b>C</b> in July                        |
| <b>2</b> Robert is moving to                | <b>A</b> Leeds.                   | <b>B</b> Liverpool.                | <b>C</b> York.                          |
| <b>3</b> Penny will visit Robert by         | <b>A</b> train.                   | <b>B</b> bus.                      | <b>C</b> car.                           |
| <b>4</b> Why is Robert moving?              | <b>A</b> His dad wants a new job. | <b>B</b> His mum is changing jobs. | <b>C</b> His mum is becoming a student. |
| <b>5</b> How does Robert feel about moving? | <b>A</b> worried                  | <b>B</b> sad                       | <b>C</b> excited                        |



## EXAM TIPS

- You hear each recording in the listening exam twice. Use the second time to check your answers.
- You will hear all three answers in the conversation – listen carefully for the correct one.

## WRITING

## A biography

**1** Read *A Biography of my Father* on page 82 again and match the paragraphs (a–d) to the headings.

- 1 An important event that changes my father's life \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 My father leaves home, finishes his studies and starts work \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 My father's life today \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 My father's early life \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Write a short biography of an adult you know. Use *A Biography of my Father* on page 82 to help you. Write four short paragraphs using the structure and ideas below.

- 1 The person's early life**  
For example: where and when they were born, what they liked doing as a child.
- 2 What the person did when she / he left home**  
For example: what job / training they did, where they studied, where they lived.
- 3 An important event that changed this person's life**  
For example: they got married, they changed jobs, they moved city.
- 4 This person's life now**  
For example: what they do now, where they live, if they are happy.

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