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It's my life!

Talk about life choices and events

In this unit we will...

- Life choices and events
- talk about life choices and events
- learn how to agree and disagree
- talk about our generation

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It's your life

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Vocabulary

Life choices and events

- 1 **Think back** Put the ages and life stages in the box in order from the youngest to the oldest.

in your twenties child in your early forties
teenager in your late thirties

- 2 **006** Match the expressions with the pictures. Then listen, check, and repeat.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> share a house / an apartment | <input type="checkbox"/> leave school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> get your driver's license | <input type="checkbox"/> get a job |
| <input type="checkbox"/> do an internship / an apprenticeship | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> get engaged | <input type="checkbox"/> go traveling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> take final exams | <input type="checkbox"/> leave home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> go to university / college | |

Look!

go to university NOT ~~go to the university~~

- 3 **Pairwork** Put the expressions in exercise 2 in what you think is the most logical order. Then compare with a partner. Do you agree? When is a good age to do each of these things?

What do you have for number 1?

I have "get your driver's license" because you can get this when you are 18.

Fun fact!

In the U.S., you can get married in places that aren't churches or government buildings. There are museums, theaters, stores, treehouses, waterfalls, and lots of other unusual places with marriage licenses. So, you never know where you might see a wedding!

Life events

- 4 007 Complete the phrases with the verbs in the box. Then listen, check, and repeat.

do earn do move get start have get apply

- 1 children
- 2 a business
- 3 a course (in ...)
- 4 a degree / qualification (in ...)
- 5 married / divorced
- 6 volunteer work
- 7 for college / a job
- 8 house / to a different country
- 9 lots of money

- 5 Complete the mind map with the expressions from exercises 2 and 4. Some expressions can go under more than one heading.

Study

Work

Relationships /
Family

Other

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Can you add any other life choices or events to the mind map?

- 6 **Pairwork** Ask and answer questions about your future using *will*. Do you have anything in common?

Do you think you will have children?

Yes, I think I'll have two or three children. /
No, I don't think I'll have children.

Challenge

Imagine you have a crystal ball. Write five questions using *will* to ask the crystal ball about your future.

Will I be famous?

Study strategy

Language immersion without traveling

Doing a language course abroad is a great way to improve your English, but it can be expensive. Here are some ways to simulate English-language immersion without leaving home:

- Change the language setting on your phone.
- Watch / listen / read: online videos, podcasts, blogs.
- Use language-learning apps and games.
- Find a conversation partner or group.

Liam's vlog



Step 1

- 1 Would you like to go traveling abroad when you finish high school? Why? / Why not?

Step 2

- 2 008 **Watch or listen** Complete the sentences with: *Liam* or *Joe*.

- 1 is traveling right now.
- 2 is studying right now.
- 3 has just finished a course.
- 4 wants to do a course.

- 3 008 Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Liam's cousin, Joe, is in Argentina. ☐
- 2 Joe started a new job last year. ☐
- 3 Liam wants to be an actor when he's older. ☐
- 4 Liam would like to go traveling and then do a Film Studies course. ☐
- 5 Liam doesn't want to leave his parents' home. ☐

Step 3

- 4 **Pairwork** Ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Do you spend much time thinking about what you'll do when you finish school? Why?
- 2 Is there an older person in your life who has had a good life? Why? What did the person do after he / she left school? What is he / she doing now?

Check it out!

Check the meaning of these phrases.

up to your eyes in I mean
a big deal I can't wait!

Four things you can look forward to in the 21st century

When people predict the future, they often focus on the negatives and everyone gets depressed. But cheer up*! Our experts assure us that there will be a lot to look forward to as the 21st century continues.

1 ☐

The way to get qualifications **might** become more flexible. Many universities already offer courses online, and "e-learning" **will probably** become more common. Universities may not need campuses because everyone could take a distance course. One thing is certain: access to education will be easier, and that's good news for everyone.

2 ☐

Work in the 21st century will become more automated and robots will do lots of the repetitive tasks. But that doesn't mean that you won't be able to get a job! It just means that jobs will change. Robots will need designers and technicians, so there will be more technological jobs.

3 ☐

If you don't have a driver's license yet, don't panic. It **may not** be necessary. Experts predict that automated—or "driverless"—cars **will** become the norm this century. This means that there will be fewer traffic accidents. With fewer accidents, there might be fewer traffic jams* on the roads and less air pollution, too!

4 ☐

You might get married and have children later than previous generations, but you'll probably live longer, too! Experts believe that people will smoke less and eat better in the future, and science and technology will help us cure serious diseases.



* cheer up = Don't be sad!

* traffic jams = long lines of traffic moving very slowly

Talk about probability

1 Make some predictions using **will**.

- 1 Who will win the next World Cup?
- 2 What will be the most popular movie or song this year?
- 3 Will you live to be 100 years old?
- 4 Do you think life will be easier in the future?

2 009 **Read and listen** Match the headings a–d with the paragraphs 1–4 in the text. Then listen and check.

- a Family and health
- b Education
- c Transportation
- d Employment

3 Check (✓) the predictions that are true according to the article.

- 1 ☐ People might not have a campus to go to.
- 2 ☐ It will become easier to get a college education.
- 3 ☐ Robots will do more of our work for us.
- 4 ☐ Robots won't need any help from people.
- 5 ☐ There will be more cars without drivers.
- 6 ☐ Pollution in towns and cities will get worse.
- 7 ☐ People won't get married.
- 8 ☐ Our health will be better.