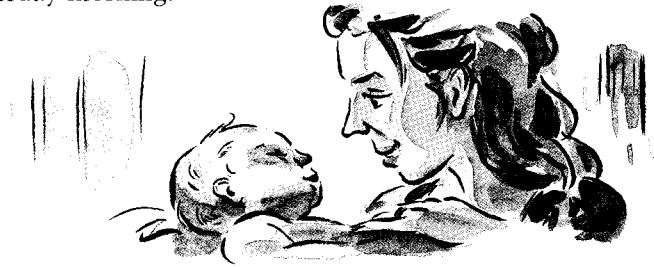


28 Birth, marriage and death

A Birth

Diana had a baby yesterday.
It was born at 1.15 yesterday morning.
It weighed 3 kilograms.



They are going to call him John – after John, his grandfather.
Grandfather John's birthday is June 16th too – but he was born in 1945!
The baby's parents were born in 1974.

B Marriage

If you do not have a partner, you are **single**.
If you have a husband or wife, you are **married**.
If your husband or wife dies, you are **widowed**.
If your marriage breaks up, you are **separated/divorced** (the marriage has legally ended).

The wedding



bride (bride)groom

Bill and Sarah got married.
Sarah got married to Bill. [NOT with Bill]
They (got) married in church.
They went on honeymoon to Italy.
They were married for twenty years.

C Death

Then Bill became ill.
He died last year.
He died of a heart attack.
Bill is dead.



The funeral

Exercises

28.1 When and where were you and your family and friends born? Write sentences about five people. *My mother was born in Scotland on July 4th 1947.*

28.2 When were these people born and when did they die? Write sentences.

- 1 Christopher Columbus (1451–1506) *Christopher Columbus was born in 1451 and died in 1506.*
- 2 Elvis Presley (1935–1977)
- 3 Genghis Khan (1162–1227)
- 4 Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519)
- 5 George Washington (1732–1799)



28.3 Fill in the blanks with *died, dead* or *death*.

- 1 Jill's grandfather last year.
- 2 His was a great shock to her.
- 3 Her grandmother has been for five years now.
- 4 She of a heart attack.
- 5 Now all Jill's grandparents are

28.4 Find a word or phrase opposite which means ...

- 1 the name for a woman on her wedding day. *bride*
- 2 the name for a man on his wedding day.
- 3 what you are if you haven't got a partner.
- 4 to be X kilograms.
- 5 what you are if your marriage has legally ended.
- 6 a religious service for a dead person.
- 7 a holiday after a wedding.
- 8 what you are if your husband or wife dies.

28.5 Fill the gaps with words from the box.

in after of to born on

(1)..... 1993 Anne got married (2)..... Robert Smith. Unfortunately, Robert's grandmother, Rosemary Smith, died (3)..... old age soon after their wedding. Robert and Anne were (4)..... their honeymoon when she died. Anne's baby daughter was (5)..... two years later. They called the baby, Rosemary, (6)..... Robert's grandmother.

28.6 Write about your family. Use words and expressions from the opposite page.