

# Life Events

***Welcome to Talk Time!***

How are you? How was your week?

Play a game – “Two Truths and a Lie”

- Each person says three statements about their lives. (For example, “I like hotdogs. I play the guitar. I have five children.”) Two statements must be true; one must be false. Other people guess which statement is false.

**Let’s get started**

**As a group discuss the pictures.** What do you see? What is happening in each picture? How do you think the people in each picture feel?



**Make a timeline of your life.** What are important events in your life? Write a few words about the events *above* the timeline; write the month and year *below* the event on the timeline.

Birth							Going to Class
							Feb. 2011

**In pairs, talk about your timeline and discuss these questions.**

- Describe in detail one or more of the events in your life. What happened? When did it happen? Who was with you? Where were you? Why was it important?
- What is one of the happiest times of your life?
- Tell me about a time in your life when you felt really proud.

**Share with the group:** What is one interesting fact you learned about your partner?

## **Conversation skills**

As we discuss, let's ask each other questions using the words *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how*. Let's also use the phrase "Tell me more." The best questions are the questions YOU ask!

### **Discussion** Discuss these questions as a group.

In your culture, what special ceremonies or rituals do you have when...

- A woman is pregnant?
- A baby is born?
- Someone graduates from school?
- Someone passes away?



For many people in the United States, one's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday is special. What are the special birthdays or ages in your culture? Why are these birthdays special?



How do people in your culture usually celebrate birthdays? How do you usually celebrate your birthday?

What is the best birthday you have ever had?

Have you lived in many different places? What is the best place you have lived? What is the worst place you have lived?

What was your first job? How many jobs have you had? Which job is/was your favorite?

Do you have children? How would you describe your experience of being a parent?

What is one good decision you made in your life?

People have different life mottos and different ideas about how to have a good life. For example, some people say, "Laughter is the best medicine." Other people say, "Never quit." What is your life motto? What do you think is the secret to a good life?

Where do you see yourself in one year? (Where will you live, what will you do, etc.?) Where do you see yourself in five years? Ten years?

What is one thing you hope to accomplish?

What do people in your culture think about death? Do many people believe in life after death? Explain.

What do you think about death? Are you afraid of it? Why or why not?

### **Group Reflection**

**What did you learn today? What do you want to talk about next week?**