

# LESSON 2

# DESCRIBE WHEN EVENTS HAPPENED



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Michelle Obama is an amazing person! Definitely a hero of mine!

## 1 VOCABULARY Past time markers



**A** ▶10-07 Listen. Then listen and repeat.

a. from April to June

b. three months ago

c. last month (in November)

d. in October (two months ago)

e. today

f. last week

g. three days ago

h. the day before yesterday

i. yesterday

j. two weeks ago

k. for two weeks

**B** Look at a calendar. What was the date the day before yesterday? Five days ago? Last Saturday?

**C PAIRS** Compare your answers from 1B.

## 2 SPEAKING

**A** ▶10-08 Notice how we say dates. Then listen and repeat.

Hi. I'm Danielle. I was born in 1987.  
I went to college from 2005 to 2009.  
My son Oliver was born in March of 2018 (on the 14 of March, 2018).  
I started a new job the first week of January (the week of January 2).

**B** ▶10-09 Listen. Circle the correct dates.

- Don moved to Denver in **2014** / 2015.
- Susan started at her school in **2007** / 2017.
- Liz got married on June **3** / 13, 2016.
- Greg worked at a hotel from **2008** / 2009 to 2011.
- Eric came the **second** / third week of May.
- Kendra has exams the week of December **15** / 22.

**C** ▶10-10 Listen. Complete the sentences. Write the words you hear.

- I moved to Seoul \_\_\_\_\_.
- I started working at Green Tree \_\_\_\_\_.
- I got married \_\_\_\_\_.
- I worked in Nepal \_\_\_\_\_.
- I was in Madrid \_\_\_\_\_.
- My exams are \_\_\_\_\_.





### 3 PRONUNCIATION

- A** ▶10-11 Listen. Notice the different vowel sounds. Then listen and repeat.

/ər/ person first Thursday word  
/ɔr/ born more four story

- B** ▶10-12 Listen. Circle the word in each line that has a different vowel sound. Check your work with a partner. Then listen and repeat the words with the same sounds.

1. learned year university weren't  
2. morning forty important world  
3. third firm tired girl  
4. New York work before fourth

#### The sounds /ər/ and /ɔr/

The sound /ər/ has many spellings. It is usually spelled:

- er as in person
- ir as in first
- ur as in Thursday
- or (after w) as in word

The sound /ɔr/ is usually spelled or or sometimes our:

- or as in born
- our as in your

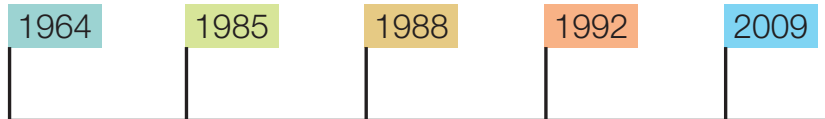
### 4 LISTENING

- A** ▶10-13 Listen to the podcast. Which dates does the podcast cover?

1964–\_\_\_\_\_

- B** ▶10-14 Listen again. Write the letters of the events under the years on the timeline.

- gets her degree from Princeton
- is born
- marries Barack Obama
- starts working at a law firm
- becomes First Lady



- C** **PAIRS** What did you learn about Michelle Obama from the podcast?

**A:** What did you learn about Michelle Obama?

**B:** She was born on January 17, 1964.



#### LISTENING SKILL Listen for time order

When people talk about someone's life, they often use dates to organize their ideas. Listening for the dates can help you understand milestones in a person's life.

### 5 TRY IT YOURSELF

**PROJECT** Work in a group. Choose a friend, family member, or other person you know well. Talk about important milestones in the person's life. What important things did the person do and when? Then give a presentation to the class.

■ I CAN DESCRIBE WHEN EVENTS HAPPENED.

