

A LIFELONG PASSION

Time expressions

1 Astrid Johnsson is a cellist. She has had an interesting life so far. Look quickly through the chart of events in her life. What are some of the things she has done?

| Age | Life Event |
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| 0 | Born on 4 March, 1960, in Sweden |
| 3 | Started playing the cello |
| 8 | Won award for <i>Young Musician of the Year</i> , toured with the Swedish Youth Orchestra |
| 11 | August 1971, performed in classical music festival in Stockholm |
| 18–22 | Won scholarship and studied at the Royal Academy of Music, London |
| 19 | Met her first husband |
| 21 | Got married in spring 1981 |
| 22 | Received Master of Music Degree. Played in world concerts and festivals. Appeared on British TV with the London Symphony Orchestra |
| 23 | Daughter born 9 July, 1983 |
| 29 | Got divorced. Toured Japan, the US, and Canada with the Chamber Orchestra of Great Britain |
| 31 | Bought a flat in New York |
| 33–37 | Composed concertos and European film soundtracks. Met Georges Leveaux, a conductor |
| 38 | 3 August, 1998, married Georges; moved to Paris |
| 40 | Won <i>Best European Film Soundtrack</i> 1999 |
| 42 | Began teaching at the Music Centre, in Paris and working as a visiting lecturer to music schools worldwide |
| NOW | Still teaching cello and lecturing |

Astrid Johnsson

2 Answer the questions.

- How long has she been playing the cello?
- Which orchestras has she played with?
- What sort of music has she composed?
- What has she won?
- How long has she been married to Georges?
- How many times has she been married?
- How long was she married to her first husband?
- How long has she been teaching the cello and lecturing?

