



# Topic

Conversation  
for Idioms

Lesson 30  
Age

# Lead-in

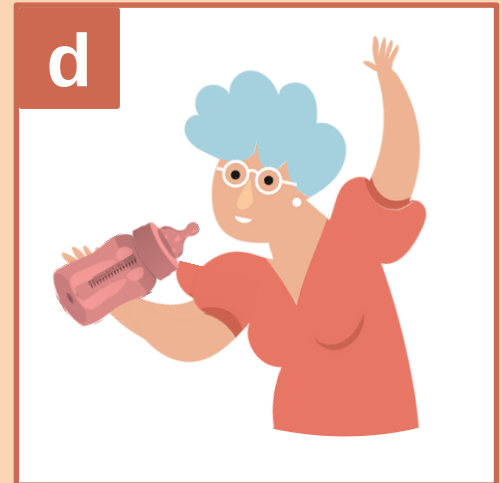
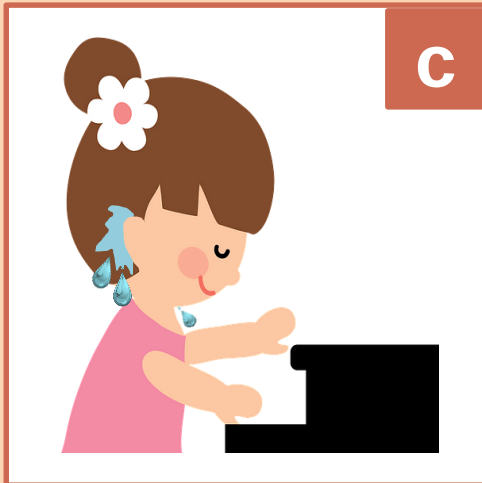
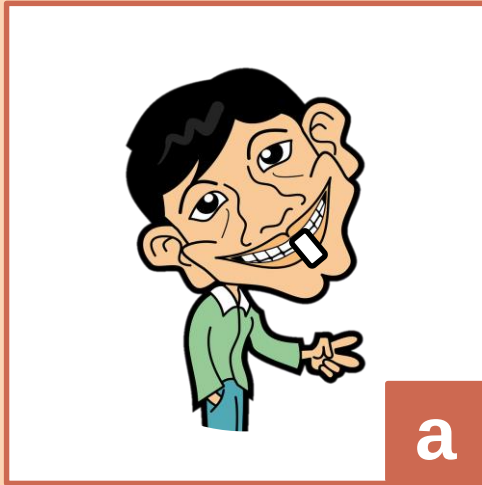
Match the idioms and the pictures.

1 wet behind the ears

2 long in the tooth

3 put years on

4 act one's age



1. As she is a little **wet behind the ears**, she doesn't seem like a suitable fit for the job.

Q Choose the meaning of the idiom.



someone who is young and inexperienced



to be sweaty due to nervousness



## 2. Belle believes that she is too **long in the tooth** to go mountain climbing.

**Q** Is there something that you think you are incapable of doing because you are too long in the tooth? What is it, and why?

### Origin

The phrase refers to the idea that as horses get older, their gum lines start to recede. Because of this, many experts were able to estimate a horse's age just by glancing at its teeth.



3. Although I am still in my 2<sup>nd</sup> year at university, my schoolwork has been **putting years on me**.

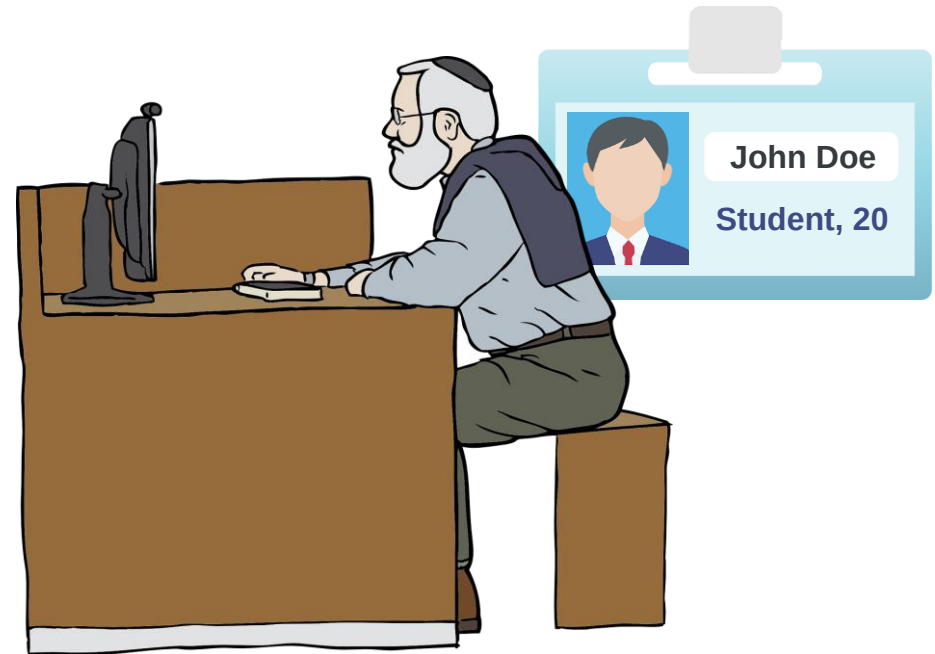
Q Which is true about the statement?



He appears older than he is due to his schoolwork.



He is studying even if he is already old.

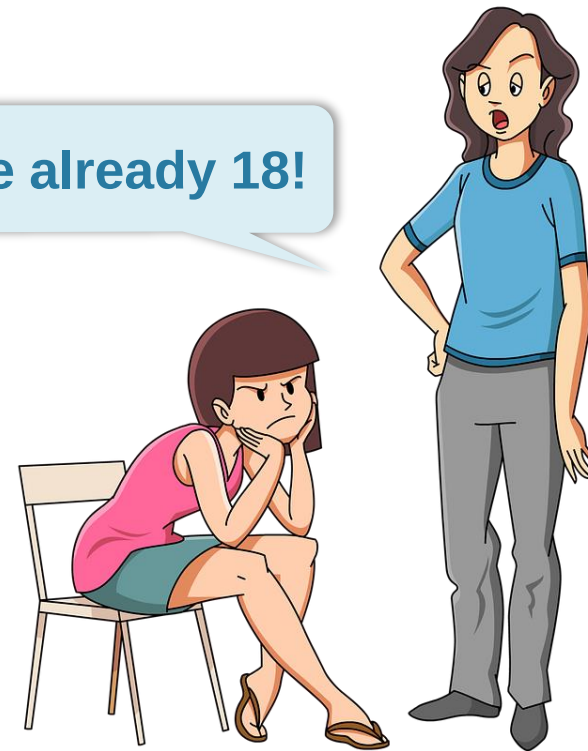


4. Her mother scolds her for not knowing how to cook rice and tells her to **act her age**.

Q What is the best age to:

- \_\_\_ have a smartphone
- \_\_\_ go on a solo trip abroad
- \_\_\_ live independently
- \_\_\_ retire

You're already 18!



# Quick Review

**wet behind  
the ears**  
young and  
inexperienced

**long in  
the tooth**  
to be too old to  
do something

**put years on**  
to cause one to  
look or feel older

**act one's age**  
behave in a  
way appropriate  
to one's age



## Situations:

- 1 22 years old working as a company CEO
- 2 50 years old drinking milk in a feeding bottle
- 3 looks 40 but actually just 25 due to stress
- 4 60 years old joining a weightlifting competition

## Idioms:

- A act one's age
- B long in the tooth
- C wet behind the ears
- D put years on



## Practice

Complete the paragraph using the idioms.  
Change their forms if needed.

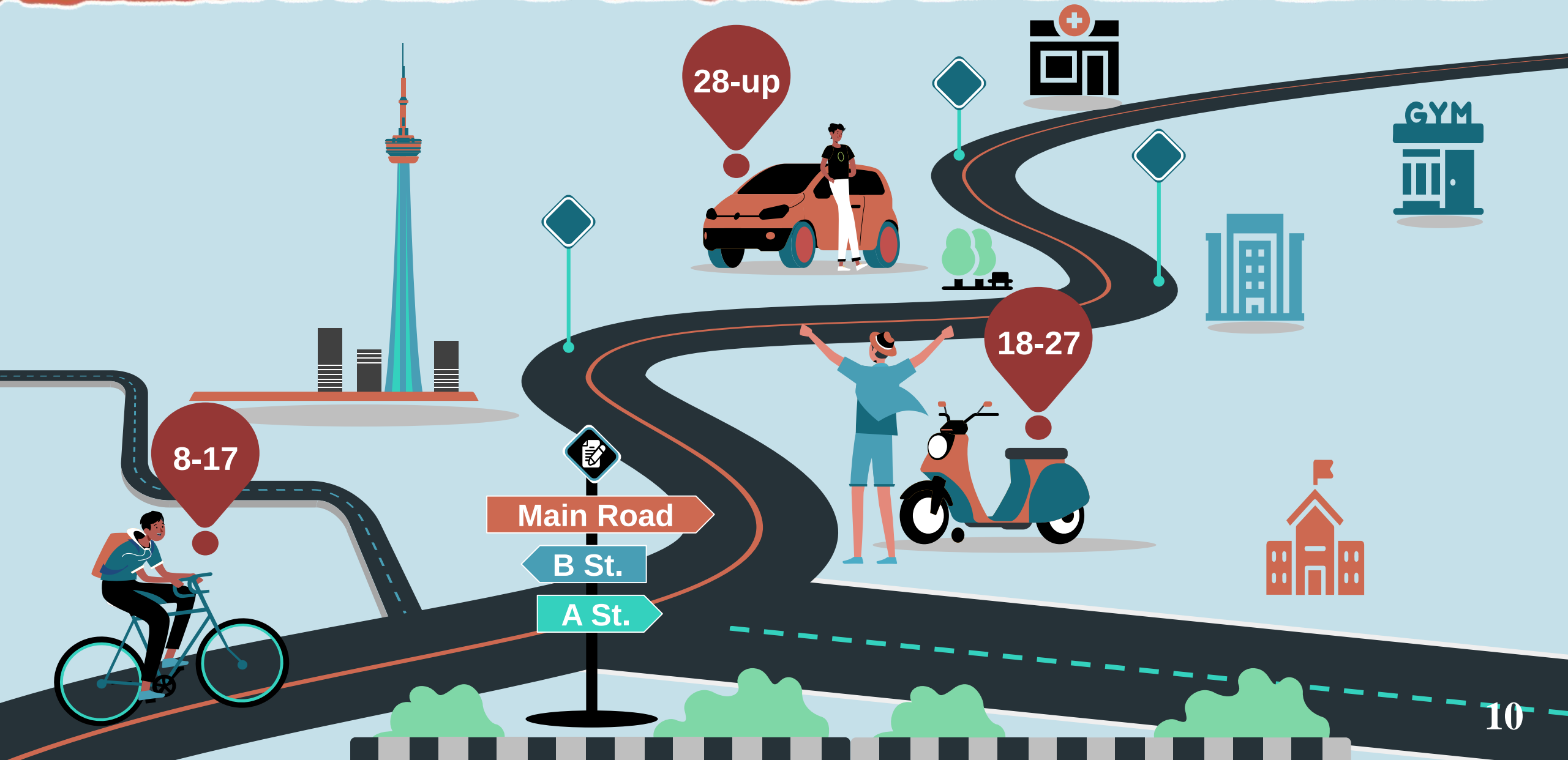
**long in the tooth**   **act one's age**   **wet behind the ears**   **put years on**

“Everybody has something to say. Some may argue that a 21-year-old may still be too (1) to handle high positions. Others say that a person who is (2) should no longer be doing difficult jobs or heavy physical activities. In reality, many people only look older than their actual age because of their stressful jobs and schoolwork, which may have (3) them. It's funny, though, how some young people don't (4) and wish to grow old quickly, while many older adults are hoping to turn back time and be young again.

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# Discussion

Answer the teacher's questions according to your age.



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28-up

18-27

Main Road

B St.

A St.

GYM