

# Generation Names & Age Vocabulary

## FREE PRACTICE WORKSHEET

Practise useful vocabulary for talking about generations, age groups, technology, work and changing attitudes.  
Read the full lesson: [Vocabulary for Generational Differences in English](#).

### A. Match the generation name to the description.

| Generation                    | Description                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Baby Boomers               | A. Children growing up after Gen Z in a highly digital world.                                                     |
| 2. Generation X / Gen X       | B. Adults who grew up during the rise of the internet and digital technology.                                     |
| 3. Millennials / Generation Y | C. People born after the Second World War, often linked with long-term careers and more traditional expectations. |
| 4. Generation Z / Gen Z       | D. Young people who have grown up with smartphones, social media and constant internet access.                    |
| 5. Generation Alpha           | E. The generation between Baby Boomers and Millennials.                                                           |

Write your answers: 1. \_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_

### B. Match the vocabulary to the meaning.

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. generation gap    | 5. work ethic          |
| 2. tech-savvy        | 6. bridge the gap      |
| 3. digital native    | 7. out of touch        |
| 4. digital immigrant | 8. move with the times |

Meanings: A. someone who grew up using digital technology B. reduce differences and improve understanding C. not well informed about modern ideas or behaviour D. your attitude towards work, responsibility and effort  
E. someone who learnt to use digital technology later in life F. change your ideas or behaviour as society changes G. the difference in opinions, values or behaviour between younger and older people H. confident and skilful with technology

Answers: 1. \_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_

### C. Complete the sentences with words or phrases from the box.

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1. My niece is a \_\_\_\_: she has used tablets and smartphones since she was very young.
2. Good communication can help \_\_\_\_ between younger and older colleagues.
3. Some teenagers think their parents are \_\_\_\_ with social-media trends.
4. My grandfather is 82, but he is very \_\_\_\_ and uses online banking confidently.
5. Different attitudes towards work can sometimes create a \_\_\_\_ in the workplace.
6. Her strong \_\_\_\_ means she is reliable, organised and willing to work hard.
7. My uncle did not grow up with computers, so he describes himself as a \_\_\_\_.
8. Companies need to \_\_\_\_ if they want to understand younger customers.

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## PRACTICE, SPEAKING & ANSWERS

### D. Choose the best expression.

different priorities   adapt to change   keep up with trends   work-life balance   face-to-face communication  
social change

1. Many employees now want more flexibility and a better \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Older and younger family members may have \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to money, careers or free time.
3. It can be difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ because technology and online culture change so quickly.
4. Some people prefer \_\_\_\_\_ to messaging because it feels more personal.
5. Successful workplaces help employees \_\_\_\_\_ rather than simply resist new systems.
6. Attitudes towards family, work and education often change as a result of wider \_\_\_\_\_.

### E. Speak or write.

1. Do you think there is a big generation gap in your family or country? Give an example.
2. What do younger and older people most often disagree about?
3. Are older people sometimes unfairly described as being out of touch?
4. What can younger people learn from older generations - and what can older people learn from younger ones?
5. How can families or workplaces bridge the gap between generations?

Mini writing task (80-120 words): Do generational differences create more problems or more opportunities? Try to use at least four expressions from this worksheet.

Useful language: Older generations tend to... Younger people are more likely to... Compared with previous generations,... It would be unfair to generalise. Not everyone from the same generation thinks in the same way.

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### ANSWER KEY

- A. 1 C, 2 E, 3 B, 4 D, 5 A  
B. 1 G, 2 H, 3 A, 4 E, 5 D, 6 B, 7 C, 8 F  
C. 1 digital native; 2 bridge the gap; 3 out of touch; 4 tech-savvy; 5 generation gap; 6 work ethic; 7 digital immigrant; 8 move with the times  
D. 1 work-life balance; 2 different priorities; 3 keep up with trends; 4 face-to-face communication; 5 adapt to change; 6 social change

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