

FUMC ESL 2-3-2020 Advanced Lesson More Ages and Stages

Pronunciation: Today we'll look at more words which should rhyme (vowels have the same sound) but don't.

Circle the word that doesn't rhyme.

do	to	go
cough	tough	trough
through	though	dough
there	here	sphere
dear	bear	hear
meat	seat	great
threat	heat	sweat
touch	ouch	couch
treat	threat	wheat
food	good	wood
cost	most	frost
plaid	paid	raid
head	bead	bread
most	post	lost

Students: read and discuss.

1. There are several names for elderly people including, "old timer", "old folks" or "old as the hills". More negative terms include: geezer and codger. Sometimes older women are referred to as "little old ladies". This is because sometimes, people shrink as they age. In the U.S., ageism is a big problem. That is the idea that someone who is older is no longer competent and useful. Studies show businesses discriminate against older people in hiring much more than they discriminate by race or sex.

Is this also a problem in your country? Are there any solutions to this problem?

2. Certain life stages are referred to as "an age". For example, "awkward age" refers to adolescence at the time of puberty. EX: He's thirteen and at that awkward age. At this stage, adolescents feel their noses and ears are too big, and they feel very clumsy and awkward.

Are your memories from this age (12-14) bad or good? How did you feel about your looks? Often at this age, girls can be very mean to each other. They often exclude others from their small group of friends and are unkind to people who don't look or dress perfectly. Did you ever experience this?

3. An "in-between age" is a period of transition. For example, an adolescent moving into their older teens. EX: My son is in that in-between age where he likes girls but he hasn't yet figured out how to talk to them. "Underage" refers to a person who is not old enough to legally do activities such as driving, voting or drinking. EX: There's not much for underage kids to do at night. Bars can't risk serving underage students.

4. The voting age is 18. College age is 18-22 when many students attend college. A "ripe old age" refers to someone quite old. EX: He lived to the ripe old age of 90. A "gray panther" is an elderly person who strongly seeks to protect their rights as they age. A "cougar" is a woman who dates much younger men. This is a negative term.

What is the legal age in your country where you can drive, drink and serve in the military?

Do you have "cougars" in your country?

How do people feel about age differences in dating couples?

Is it more acceptable for older men to date younger women than for older women to date younger men?

5. Someone who ages gracefully, continues to look youthful and have a youthful attitude as they age, without acting inappropriately for their age. For example, a woman who continued to take care with their looks and clothes would be aging gracefully. A woman in her 80's wearing mini-skirts would not be aging gracefully. Neither would a woman who "lets herself go" and no longer pays attention to her hygiene and looks.

Would it be worse if your mom let herself go or if she started dressing too young for her age?

6. If you are told to "act your age", it means, act appropriately. This term generally applies to someone who is acting too young. EX: That child is eight years old, but still sucks her thumb and carries a blanket around with her. She doesn't act her age. EX: That old man asks all the twenty year old girls out for a date. He should act his age.

7. 17. If you "look your age" or "show your age", you appear to be aging. EX: Look at all my wrinkles. I'm starting to show my age. A person who is "age-less" doesn't show their age. For example, they might be in their 50's or in their 80's. EX: She is so active and involved in the community that she seems age-less.

8. A "generation gap" is the lack of understanding between one generation and another. It was a term used in the 60's to describe hippies and their parents who served in World War II and tended to be very conservative and responsible. These responsible people had a hard time understanding their "free love" hippie children.

Did your country experience this large generation gap in the sixties? Do you feel there is a large generation gap now between young people and their grandparents? Do you feel like your grandparents understand you better than your parents do?