

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

Last Thursday we weren't able to finish the lesson, so I'm putting the second half on today's lesson.

8. Someone who is “over the hill” is past their prime. The meaning is that they have reached their peak and are on the downward part of their life where things get worse instead of better.

At what age do you think people are over the hill? Do people act younger at 70 or 80 than they used to? Is it OK for older people to dress in younger styles or enjoy activities of younger people?

9. Age 65 marks the official senior citizen age—the legal age at which you can retire and collect Social Security benefits. Though these days, the government encourages people to work much longer by providing higher monthly benefits if you postpone retirement.

What is the retirement age in your country? Does your country provide benefits to retirees? Is running out of money after you retire a serious concern in your country?

10. 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 ageism a problem in your country? Are there any solutions to this problem?

Discuss in your group:

1. As a general rule, are young people more or less selfish than older people? Give an example to support your belief.

2. Is it better for kids to learn of the dangers of life themselves, or should they be repeatedly warned against drinking, drugs and sexual promiscuity?

3. At what age can young people drive, drink, vote and serve in the military in your country? Do you think any of the age limits should be changed?

4. Should people be forced to retire by age 65 in order to provide work opportunities for the younger generations?

5. Do you feel like most older people are hopelessly out of touch with the modern age? Do most older people feel comfortable texting, tweeting and streaming?

6. Does it scare you when you notice that your parents are aging? For example, when I was in college, my dad came to pick me up from the airport. I hadn't seen him for several months. As he rested his hand on the gear shift, I noticed all the age spots and wrinkles on his hands. It

shocked me and made me really sad to realize he was growing old. I really wanted him to stay young and vibrant like he was when I was a child. Have you had a similar experience?

7. Do you have any friends who are a lot older or younger than you? What is something you learned from an older person?

8. Would you date or marry someone much older than you? Do you think marriages work when the couple are ten or more years different in age?

9. How does a parent tell their children not to do something that they did themselves. EX: If you tried marijuana when you were young, but you don't want your children to experiment with marijuana, what do you say?

10. Another parent dilemma is how to keep your kids safe when they do things you have told them not to do. EX: I have a friend who told her high school age sons not to drink. However, the parent was pretty sure that when her sons were at parties, they would probably drink. She was most worried about the problem of driving drunk. She knew of a young man who drove home drunk from a party and had a wreck that killed a young woman. She didn't want that to happen. So she told her boys, "I don't want you to drink, but if you do, don't ever drive drunk. If you decide to drink, you should call me when the party is over and I will come pick you up. I will not punish you for drinking if you make the smart decision to call me for a ride home." What do you think of this parent's instructions? Do you have a better idea for how to handle this situation?

Some of these sentences have errors. Tell what is wrong and how you would fix it. If there are no errors, say so.

1. Unless I study very hard, I will pass all of my exams.
2. Though I walked carefully through the wet streets, my pants were still wet and muddy when I got home.
3. My neighborhood is quiet and safe even though I lock my doors.
4. My dormitory room is very small, despite it is comfortable.
5. I won't go to the party even if she invites me.
6. The airport was closed due to heavy fog, therefore the planes took off.
7. We must work quickly, otherwise we will finish on time.
8. Even though the news reported she won't run for president, she decided not to run.
9. Although I studied, I passed the exam.
10. I was hungry this morning, therefore, I skipped breakfast.
11. Mary will go to college, even though she got a full scholarship.
12. I always eat breakfast, but never eat lunch.