

# Generation Gap & Retirement

## What is Generation Gap?

- A Generation Gap is when older and younger people do not understand each other because of their different experiences, opinions, habits and behavior.

## What is Retirement?

- A retirement is the point where a person stops employment completely.

## Teenagers vs. Parents

- Generation gap has never been so wide and deep as it has been in the last few years. Parents are not capable of living as quickly as we are. Sometimes they think that the purpose of our lives is to fulfill their dreams, but we are born to reach our goals.

### ➤ Differences in education

Sometimes parents do more harm than good for their child because they aren't educated enough to solve some new problems which appear every day. They are trying to slow down the child's development.

### ➤ Differences in experiences

Parents keep comparing their childhood to ours and the way they were brought up. Being a teenager is not easy at all. We are going through many experiences for the first time.

### ➤ Support and understanding

Teenage years are difficult because we come up to many difficult decisions and we have to choose our ways. We need our parents' support and understanding to become a self-confident adult person. Sometimes parents aren't aware of that and the gap deepens even more.

## Retirement

### ➤ History

Before the 19th century the absence of pension arrangements meant that most workers continued to work until death, or relied on personal savings or the support of family or friends.

### ➤ Nowadays

Most developed nations have systems to provide pensions on retirement in old age, which may be sponsored by employers or the state.

### ➤ The retirement age

Varies from country to country but it is generally between 55 and 70. In some countries this age is different for male and females. Sometimes certain jobs, the most dangerous or fatiguing ones in particular, have an earlier retirement age.

## Life after retirement

Retirement might coincide with important life changes. A retired worker might move to a new location, for example a retirement community. Those who need care, but are not in need of constant assistance, may choose to live in a retirement home.

## Interesting facts

Many politicians, scientists, lawyers, television anchors, and professors still work well into their 70's, however some actors, models, athletes and musicians only work until their 30s.

## New Words

- **Generation gap**(n) → is a popular term used to describe wide differences in cultural norms between members of a younger generation and their elders.
- **Retirement**(n) → the period in someone's life after they have stopped working because they reached a particular age.
- **Pension**(n) → a sum of money paid regularly by the government or a private company to a person who does not work any more because they are too old or they have become ill.
- **Fatigue**(v) → to make someone extremely tired.
- **Coincide**(v) → to happen at or near the same time.

## Word Formation

- Retirement(n) - retire(v) - retired(adj) - retiree(n) - retiring(adj)
- Life(n) - live(v) - living(adj)
- Age(n) - age(v) - aged(adj)
- Deepen(v) - the deep(n) - deep(adj) - deep(adv)
- Difference(n) - differ(v) - different(adj) - differently(adv)
- Experience(n) - experience(v) - experienced(adj) - experiential(adj)



