

Age Conversation Questions

Warm-up Question:

How did you celebrate your last birthday?

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is the oldest person you know? What do you know about their life?
2. What does a person's age tell us? What do we know about a sixty-year-old that's different from a thirty-year-old?
3. Is a person's age important in your culture? How is it important?
4. Are you friends with anyone who is much older or younger than you? Does an age difference make it difficult to be friends?
5. What is your earliest memory? How old were you? Why do you remember *that* moment?
6. In your opinion, what is the best age to be? What is good about that age?
7. Growing up can be hard. Is there an age you didn't enjoy?
8. Our tastes in many areas change as we get older. What did you like before that you don't like now? What did you dislike before but now enjoy?
9. Do you respect the elderly? How do you show your respect?
10. Are young people less polite than they used to be? If so, why is this?
11. Do you ever give advice to people who are younger than you? What advice could you give to a teenager?
12. Have you met any *grumpy* old men or women? What makes them seem unhappy?
13. When is it okay to ask someone their age? Do you mind telling people your age?
14. What is the best age for a person to *settle down* and get married? Why?
15. Would you date someone much older or younger than you? What's the maximum age difference you would accept?
16. Age-related diseases such as Alzheimer's make life difficult for some elderly people and their family members. Do you have any experience with this in your family?
17. What happens to *senior citizens* in your culture? Are *retirement homes* common? Or do older generations continue to live with their children? Which is better?
18. Some people try to hold on to their youth with exercise, surgery, or medication. How do you feel about getting older?
19. What age do you hope to reach? Is there such a thing as an ideal age to die?
20. Oscar Wilde said, "I am not young enough to know everything." What do you think he meant?

