

Speaking and Listening Discussion

Which generation are you from? – Reference Page

Talk about the generations below and their unique characteristics. Which generation are you from? Do you agree with the information given? What would you add or discard?

< **The Greatest / GI Generation** (1901-1927)

< **Silent Generation** (1928-45)

Generation Alpha (2013-2025) >

	Baby Boom Generation	Generation X / Forgotten Gen.	Millennial Generation / Gen. Y	Generation Z
<i>Born / Aged:</i>	1946-64 / 59-77	1965-80 / 43-58	1981-96 / 27-42	1997-2012 / 11-26
<i>Famous People:</i>	Bill Clinton (b. 1946)	Elon Musk (b. 1971)	Beyoncé (b.1981)	Olivia Rodrigo (b.2003)
<i>Buzzwords:</i>	'turn on, tune in, drop out'	'no future'	'everyone's a winner'	'alone in the world'
<i>Key Events:</i>	Cold War; Arms Race; Vietnam War McCarthy era; Civil Rights independence of colonies Summer of Love (1967) the pill (1967); 2 nd wave of feminism equal pay; abortion rights	three-day week mass unemployment; strikes Fall of Communism blockbuster movies nuclear stalemate (MAD) Challenger disaster (1986)	9-11 wars in the Middle East Global Financial Crisis (2007-08) mass immigration EEC becomes EU (1993)	rise of Wokeism; cancel culture Brexit (2016) COVID-19 Russia-Ukraine war climate crisis; rising food prices migration crisis
<i>Social:</i>	hippies in the 60s, yuppies in the 80s provoked real, lasting change	3 rd wave of feminism rise of plastic surgery	rise of gay rights open to collaborate widely	rise of trans rights; vaping; #MeToo glued to smartphones
<i>Family:</i>	larger families – 3-4 children more women stayed at home as homemakers	family planning = smaller families both parents at work all day = 'latchkey generation'	first 'planned' generation = most wanted generation	flexible family structures marriage not a must fewer family dinners than prev. gens.
<i>Music:</i>	the birth of rock'n'roll; psychedelia pop music developed; Motown	punk, MTV, electronic music, rave, vinyl, cassettes, CDs	downloads > iPod > iPhone > streaming; festival & concertgoers	TikTok; Instagram; genre fusion Spotify; streaming
<i>Tech:</i>	TV (three channels); space race now use Facebook only	birth of the PC, video games, internet; home video; satellites	birth of the internet, email social media; video calling	rise of AI; cyber-bullying; Netflix streaming video; e-scooters
<i>Typical Attributes:</i>	optimistic; consumerist; activist workaholic; personal growth	rebellious; mistrust of authority sceptical; adaptable	spoilt; mollycoddled; over- protected; opinionated; liberal	socially active; green-minded tolerant towards minorities
<i>Advantages:</i>	could buy a house for a low price free university education no world wars; no climate hysteria parents stayed together	developed self-reliance last fully analogue generation developed digital tools for future generations	more university places strong work ethic entrepreneurs; team players flexible working patterns	constant connection to the internet enjoy fun experiences tech experts many years ahead
<i>Disadvantages:</i>	draft still existed enormous public and private debt no internet	student loans fear of nuclear holocaust fear of sex (HIV/AIDS)	more parents got divorced high cost of credit heavy student debt fear of global warming	lost years of education little chance of buying a home/car mental health issues; loneliness fear of environmental devastation stress about work security

'Lucky Generation'

'Bleak Generation'

'ME Generation'

'Detached Generation'