

A generation gap? – Glossary

behave verb [intransitive]
to do things in a particular way
The children behaved very badly.

behaviour noun [uncountable]
the way that someone behaves
violent/aggressive/disruptive behaviour

discipline noun [uncountable]
the practice of making people obey rules of behaviour and punishing them if they do not
He believes in strict discipline.

everyday adjective
very common or completely normal, and often not very interesting
Most people now accept that computers are a part of everyday life.

exaggerated adjective
describing something in a way that makes it seem better, worse, larger, more important etc than it really is
exaggerated claims about the drug's benefits

gang noun [countable]
a group of young people who spend time together and often cause trouble
Gangs of youths roamed the streets.

generation noun [countable]
a group of people in society who are born and live around the same time
People retiring today are wealthier than the previous generation.

lack noun [singular/countable]
a situation in which you do not have any, or enough, of something that you need or want

mystery noun [countable]
something that you are not able to understand, explain, or get information about

respect noun [uncountable]
a feeling of admiration that you have for someone because of their personal qualities, their achievements, or their status, and that you show by treating them in a polite and kind way
Children should treat their parents with respect.

selfish adjective
thinking only about yourself and not caring about other people
a spoiled selfish child

sense noun [singular]
a strong feeling or belief about yourself

shape verb [transitive]
to influence the way that a person, idea, or situation develops
His generation firmly believed they could shape the future.

technology noun [countable/uncountable]
advanced scientific knowledge used for practical purposes, especially in industry
computer/software/military technology