

## A generation gap? – Glossary

**behave** verb [intransitive]

to do things in a particular way

*The children behaved very badly.*

**behavior** noun [uncountable]

the way that someone behaves

*Anna was sick of her brother's annoying behavior.*

**discipline** noun [uncountable]

the practice of making people obey rules of behavior 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*

**foul language** noun [uncountable]

words people use when they swear or curse and that a lot of people consider offensive

**gang** noun [countable]

a group of young people who spend time together and often cause trouble

*A gang called the Bloods has been terrorizing people in the South Bronx.*

**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/uncountable]

a situation in which you do not have any or do not have enough of something that you need

*The game was canceled due to lack of interest.*

**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 (of)** noun [countable]

a strong feeling or belief about yourself

*Winning an award would give me a great sense of achievement.*

**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*

