



Elderly Buzzwords

Geriatric: Relating to the elderly especially regarding their health care

Matriarch: An older woman who is powerful within her family

Patriarch: An older man who is powerful within his family

Venerable: Given a lot of respect, usually due to age or wisdom

Dementia: Ongoing problems with the brain, most usually shown as memory loss and poor reasoning

Retro: Similar to a style, fashion, or design from the recent past

Conduct an Interview with an Elderly Person

Life used to be very different than it was today. A grandparent, great-grandparent, or elderly friend might be able to tell you what it was like back then. Use these questions as a guide, and don't forget to add one of your own for #15!

1. What is most different now from when you were my age?
2. What's the most important lesson you have learned?
3. What is your most vivid memory?
4. What was your favorite thing to do as a kid?
5. How did your family celebrate holidays/birthdays as a kid?
6. What were some popular words or phrases when you were young?
7. What big world events do you remember most?
8. What was your favorite song/show growing up?
9. What was your school like?
10. What was the craziest thing you wore for fashion?
11. If you could travel into the future, what would you want to see?
12. What was the happiest moment in your life? What about the saddest?
13. What is the hardest part about growing older? What about the easiest?
14. _____
15. _____