Lesson 10: Generation Gap

Hi! Welcome to the Article Discussion lesson!
Today’s topic is about “Generation Gap.”
Have fun learning English!

Activity 1 | Vocabulary and Expressions

Directions: Listen and repeat.

Vocabulary

- gap - a space between two people or things
- perspective - a point of view; way of thinking about something
- obedient - willing to do what you are told to do; willing to follow a law, rule, etc.; willing to obey
- elders - people who are older or have more experience
- spoon-feed - to give someone information in a way that requires no further thinking or effort from that person
- youngster - a young person
- trait - a quality that makes one person or thing different from another
- limitation - something (such as a lack of ability or strength) that controls or limits what a person is able to do
Activity 2 | Article

Directions: Read the article aloud with your teacher.

Generation Gap

The generation gap is represented by the differences between the young and the old that can lead to conflicts and can complicate the relationship between the two. Generation gaps occur when two age groups see the world from significantly different perspectives.

As to the different attitude towards life, people belonging to the old generation always wonder what has gone wrong with the new generation. They feel that during their time, young boys and girls were better behaved, more obedient and had more respect for elders. Young people, on the other hand, feel that they are capable to learn on their own and that they don’t need to rely on the older generation for guidance. Young people do not like to be spoon-fed by their elders.

Generation gap issues can be solved through discussion and interaction. Older people should admit to the competence of the young, whereas youngsters should express their opinions respectfully. Therefore, people from both age groups should realize that every individual has positive and negative traits, as well as some limitations.
Activity 3 | Question and Answer

Directions: Answer these questions about the article.

1. What is the generation gap? When does it appear?
2. What are the points of view of the old and the young generations?
3. How can the generation gap issues be resolved?
Activity 4 | Summary

Directions: Make a summary of this article, focusing on the main topic. After that, your teacher will give you an example of the summary.

Activity 5 | Thoughts

Directions: Exchanging thoughts about this article. Give your opinion about the article first, and your teacher will give his/her opinion next.
Activity 6 | Free Conversation

**Directions**: Answer these questions related to the topic of the article. Have a free conversation about it with your teacher.

1. Have you ever felt the effect of a generation gap?

2. Is this social phenomenon common in your country?

3. How would you handle this situation with your elders/young people around you?

4. Do you have any suggestions on how to solve the problem of generation gaps?

5. What advice would you give to old and young people to get along better?