
age a noun that refers to the number of years someone has lived, or that something has existed:

*The show appeals to people **of all ages**.*

*She left India **at the age of 12**.*

*Children **under ten years of age** must be accompanied by an adult.*

aged an adjective that means 'having a particular age or age range':

*They have one daughter, **aged three**.*

*The toys are for children **aged four to six**.*

age group a noun that refers to people of a particular age (note that the ages come first):

*We should provide job training for people **in the 16–24 age group**.*

- 1 I want to do a survey and interview some people of different ages / *age group*.
- 2 Are you going to target a particular *group of age* / *age group*?
- 3 Even toddlers *aged* / *age* 18 months or under have relationships.
- 4 I could examine the 21–30 *age group* / *aged group*.
- 5 It might be good to get some opinions from people over *age* / *the age* of 60.

2  These sentences each contain a mistake made by IELTS candidates. Correct the underlined mistakes by reorganising, changing or adding words.

- 1 I met my best friend ^{the} at age of 16.
- 2 People ages between 35 and 40 have a wide range of relationships.
- 3 Many babies 10–20 months begin to form strong relationships with siblings.
- 4 Most of the people I work with are in the 20–35 aged group.
- 5 Children in the age group 5 to 11 tend to change their friends quite frequently.
- 6 Relationships are very important for the group age 60 and above.