

Read the text and fill in the gaps:

settle down   take after   baby boomers   quality time  
strive to



The \_\_\_\_\_, born between 1946 and 1964, often \_\_\_\_\_ their parents in their traditional values. They typically \_\_\_\_\_ achieve the American Dream, aiming to \_\_\_\_\_ and create a stable life in a family. Although they are hard workers, they also value the importance of having \_\_\_\_\_ with their families. This generation pushed back on political decisions, participated in protests and had a desire for equality. They brought about massive cultural, social and economic change, and continue to have impacts in society today.

hide feelings   resilient   adolescent   generation X  
drift apart



\_\_\_\_\_, born between 1965 and 1980, spent their \_\_\_\_\_ years during a time of transition. Having witnessed many political changes, economic rises and declines, they are known for their mindset of pushing back on authority figures and spontaneity. They have often seen their parents \_\_\_\_\_ due to high divorce rates, impacting their views on relationships and family life. These experiences led some to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_, trying to manage them on their own. Known for being more sceptical and \_\_\_\_\_, they are driven by the desire to adapt and overcome the challenges.

materialistic   egocentric   millennials   role model  
belong   keep in touch



The \_\_\_\_\_, born between 1981 and 1996, are often seen as \_\_\_\_\_ and focusing on economic and social status and success in their career. They grew

up with rapid technological advances, leading to a tech-savvy nature. They can strive to be \_\_\_\_\_, as many of them wish to make a difference and leave their mark in the world. They often seek to \_\_\_\_\_ in a social group and \_\_\_\_\_ with their friends in real life. However, they can sometimes be perceived as \_\_\_\_\_, prioritizing personal goals and ambitions over collective achievements.

end up   empathetic   lasting impression   recall  
evolve   generation Z



\_\_\_\_\_, born between 1997 and 2012, has lived in the world of digital technology as long as they can \_\_\_\_\_. As technology constantly \_\_\_\_\_ around them, they often \_\_\_\_\_ multitasking. They focus on education and recognise the importance of it in their foundational years. Covid-19 has left a \_\_\_\_\_ on this generation. They are also known for their inclusivity and strong desire for social justice, which is often viewed by them as more important than material gain. They are known to be more \_\_\_\_\_, often seeking ways to connect with others on a deeper level.

Discuss the questions:

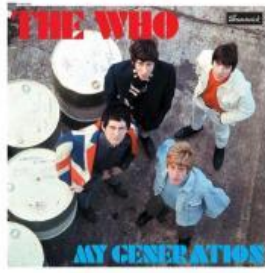
1. Does the description of your generation seem true to how you view it? What would you change or add?
2. Which generation do your parents belong to? Does the description of their generation seem true to how you view them?
3. How would you describe the Alpha generation, who were born after 2013? How do you think this generation will differ from the past ones?

### *My Generation by the Who*

"My Generation" is a song by the English rock band the Who, written by guitarist and primary songwriter Pete Townshend in 1965. One of the band's most recognizable songs, it was placed number 11 by Rolling Stone on its list of the "500 Greatest Songs of All Time" in 2004 and 2010. It became part of The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 500 Songs that Shaped Rock and Roll and is inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame for "historical, artistic and significant" value. It also became an anthem of the Gen X.

Townshend reportedly wrote the song on a train and is said to have been inspired by the Queen Mother (Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, the wife of king George VI), who is alleged to have had Townshend's 1935 Packard hearse (a large American car) towed off because she was offended by the sight of it during her daily drive through the neighbourhood.

The song has a rebellious spirit, which was quite new for that time. The stutter in the song is an artistic device: it is intended to irritate the average listener of that time. Roger Daltrey, the lead singer of the Who, chose to leave it in the song intentionally also because he had a stutter in real life.



### *Song lyrics:*

People try to put us d-down (talkin' 'bout my generation)  
Just because we get around (talkin' 'bout my generation)  
Things they do look awful c-cold (talkin' 'bout my generation)  
I hope I die before I get old (talkin' 'bout my generation)

This is my generation

This is my generation, baby

Why don't you all f-fade away? (Talkin' 'bout my generation)

And don't try dig what we all s-s-say (talkin' 'bout my generation)

I'm not trying to cause a big s-s-sensation (talkin' 'bout my generation)

I'm just talkin' 'bout my g-g-generation (talkin' 'bout my generation)

My generation

This is my generation, baby

This is my generation

This is my generation, baby

My, my gen-generation

My, my, my, my, my generation

**Which song would you chose as an anthem of your generation?**