

7 C ■ Listening, speaking and vocabulary The golden years

2 Listen to a radio programme about growing old in different societies. Tick the ideas that are mentioned.

<p>physical fitness mental deterioration dependence vs independence depression</p>	<p>loneliness poor diet job opportunities community projects</p>
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3 Listen again and choose the correct answers.

<p>1 According to the presenter, what is happening to society today?</p> <p>a It's becoming more tolerant, b It's becoming much older, c It's becoming less caring.</p>	<p>4 In the East, young people</p> <p>a send the elderly to nursing homes, b take care of the elderly, c are looked after by the elderly</p>
<p>2 What is the attitude to young people in countries like America?</p> <p>a They don't have much to say about important issues. b They come up with new ideas, c They gain experience quickly.</p>	<p>5 How is the way that old people are treated in Japanese culture explained?</p> <p>a It forms part of their upbringing and customs. b They don't value young people as much, c Children rely on their parents to support them.</p>
<p>3 According to the speakers, why do old people lose respect?</p> <p>a Because they retire too early. b Because they don't value young people, c Because they lose their independence.</p>	<p>6 Tribal societies are helped by</p> <p>a the resilience of old people during famine and hardship, b old people's knowledge of tribal history, c old people's ability to fight in battles.</p>

The old and the young

4 Study the words and phrases from the radio programme. Which do you think describe the old and which the young? Which can describe both? Use a dictionary to help you understand the meaning. **LEARN THE WORDS!**

over the hill

adolescent

(in)dependent

wise

juvenile

long in the tooth

youthful

elderly

infantile

dynamic

supportive

(in)experienced

self-reliant

vulnerable

childish

set in their ways

foolish

mature