

13 Choose the correct options to complete these sentences about different generations. Then discuss which statements you agree with.

- 1 'Children *grew / have been growing* up faster over the last twenty years. At thirteen, they want to be adults. It's sad.'
- 2 'All the new technology that kids use *left / has left* the older generation behind.'
- 3 'My grandparents' generation *probably worked / have probably worked* harder than we do, but they *didn't have / haven't had* so much fun.'
- 4 'Most of my parents' generation *already retired / have already retired* with good pensions. We won't retire until we're 70 and we'll be poor.'
- 5 'Our parents were no different to us when they were young: they *had / have had* the same interests, the same hopes and fears.'
- 6 'In recent years respect for money *replaced / has replaced* respect for wisdom and knowledge.'
- 7 'When I was young, I *rebelled / have been rebelling* against my parents because they *were / have been* very strict. Now my children want to rebel, but in fact they have nothing to rebel against.'
- 8 'People criticize the younger generation for being selfish and having no values, but that's their parents' fault: they *spent / have spent* them.'