

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with words related to age.

- 1 Joan's always looked very young for her age. She and her daughter often get mistaken for sisters!
- 2 Eric's grandfather loves recounting all the adventures he had when he was in his p_____ and travelling around Asia.
- 3 The discussion focused on whether sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds should be able to vote or whether they are too i_____ to do so.
- 4 The thing a lot of people don't realise is that the people they refer to as e_____ often do not feel that old themselves.
- 5 When Adam became a father in his thirties, he was m_____ enough to understand the responsibilities involved.
- 6 As people these days tend to grow older and retire later, the issue of age d_____ in the workplace has become a serious concern.

2 Add negative prefixes to the words in CAPITALS.

- 1 Lucy was told that her qualifications were irrelevant when it came to how she dealt with difficult customers. **RELEVANT**
- 2 Nigel always thought his way was the only way to do things and was totally _____ to listen to anyone else's ideas on how to tackle the company's financial problems. **WILL**
- 3 Rosie's business proposal was completely _____ and showed a complete lack of any real understanding of the market. **LOGIC**
- 4 Jen's behaviour was often erratic and at times it was so _____ that I had no idea what she was going to do next. **PREDICT**
- 5 I think you may have _____ what Alex meant when he said you could do better. He was trying to be encouraging rather than critical. **INTERPRET**
- 6 Although Leo was somewhat _____ for the position, his work experience and personality more than made up for his lack of education. **QUALIFY**

3 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 We're really looking forward to/dreading/having our ups and downs about going on the Alaskan cruise, as it's always been our dream to see the Northern lights and we know it's going to be the experience of a lifetime.
- 2 Knowing that her Dad's condition would deteriorate filled Kat with complete and utter mixed feelings/despair/ups and downs.
- 3 Eve is always optimistic and usually sees the ups and downs/upbeat/bright side of any situation, however dire it may seem to the rest of us.
- 4 Irene was mixed feelings about/dreading/ with despair the moment when she had to tell her parents that she'd failed to get the grades she needed to get into university.
- 5 On hearing she'd lost her job, Claire remained upbeat/on the bright side/with despair and decided that now was the time to go back to college.
- 6 Whatever happens in your life, it's best not to stay in a job which is going ups and downs/ with despair/nowhere.