



English Corner Presents

Elders

Today, let's use English to talk about an important part of culture: how elders are viewed and involved in our community. The following questions may help us advance our shared understanding of aging.

Our understanding of elders starts with our own experience.

1. Can you describe your grandparents, or other elders who had an influence on you when you were young? What were their best qualities?
2. In what ways do you look forward to being an elder?

Having reflected on individual experiences, let's deepen our shared understanding of elders in our community.

3. Discuss the following statement:

"... be kindly fathers to the children of the human race, and compassionate brothers to the youth, and self-denying offspring to those bent with years."

4. What qualities and abilities can older people possess that are difficult for younger people to acquire?
5. Why are people sometimes concerned about becoming older?
6. What is the community's responsibility to its elders?

Now let's discuss how to act on our shared understanding of aging.

7. How can we involve older people in our efforts to strengthen this community?