

Will the Baby Boomers Ever Retire?

VOCABULARY & SPEAKING

1. Match questions (1 - 8) with answers (a - h).

- 1) Do people who retire get a **state pension** in your country?
- 2) What is something you cannot **afford** now but would like to in the future?
- 3) What are the ways to increase your **savings**?
- 4) Do you think the average human **lifespan** will increase in the next 20 years?
- 5) What are the effects of **aging population**?
- 6) When do you want to **hang up your hat**?
- 7) What is the **retirement age** for women and men in your country?
- 8) Is the **birth rate** higher or lower than 50 years ago?

2. In pairs, ask and answer the questions from ex. 1.



- a) I don't know yet, but I hope I retire when I'm 65.
- b) I think that it is lower as there are fewer and fewer babies born these days.
- c) One day I'd like to buy a sports car, but unfortunately now I don't have so much money.
- d) First of all, we will need more nurses and health services if we have more and more older people.
- e) In my country, women and men retire at 65.
- f) Unfortunately, you don't get any money from the government. You have to save throughout your life.
- g) Yes, I do. Thanks to medical advance, we will live longer.
- h) One of them is to analyse your budget regularly and see how you can save more

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VIDEO

3. Watch the video and decide whether these sentences are True or False.

Correct the false sentences (<https://bit.ly/2R00rdj>).

- Medical costs in the USA are decreasing.
- Some Americans cannot afford to live without work for 30 years when retired.
- There are more people over 65 years old working in Japan than in the USA.
- Fewer and fewer babies are born in the world every year.
- Many seniors are encouraged to retire early.
- People don't have to retire at the age of 65 in the UK anymore.
- 20% of American baby boomers do not want to retire at all.

baby boomers- generation born between 1946 and 1964

401k - a retirement savings plan in the US sponsored by an employer. It lets workers save and invest a piece of their paycheck before taxes are taken out.

GRAMMAR

4. Which of these verbs and phrases in the box are followed by *gerund (-ing)* and which by *to + infinitive (to do)*?

expect	be worth	consider	suggest
fail	can't stand	hope	involve
enjoy	decide	manage	avoid
dream of	afford	recommend	refuse

VERB + TO INFINITIVE

expect

VERB + ING FORM

be worth

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5. Finish these sentences with your own ideas.

- a) I'm really frustrated when my co-workers fail _____
- b) When preparing for a job interview, it is worth _____
- c) In twenty years, I expect _____
- d) If I was offered a job abroad, I would decide _____
- e) My daily work involves _____
- f) When I was a child, I dreamt of _____
- g) When I was a student, I avoided _____
- h) At the weekends, I enjoy _____

DEBATE

6. Work in pairs. One of you has to come up with the arguments for and the other against the following statement:

THE RETIREMENT AGE SHOULD BE RAISED.