

Will the Baby Boomers Ever Retire?



VOCABULARY & SPEAKING

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

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| <p>1) Do people who retire get a state pension in your country? (F)</p> <p>2) What is something you cannot afford now but would like to in the future? (C)</p> <p>3) What are the ways to increase your savings? (H)</p> <p>4) Do you think the average human lifespan will increase in the next 20 years? (G)</p> <p>5) What are the effects of aging population? (D)</p> <p>6) When do you want to hang up your hat? (A)</p> <p>7) What is the retirement age for women and men in your country? (E)</p> <p>8) Is the birth rate higher or lower than 50 years ago? (B)</p> | <p>a) I don't know yet, but I hope I retire when I'm 65.</p> <p>b) I think that it is lower as there are fewer and fewer babies born these days.</p> <p>c) One day I'd like to buy a sports car, but unfortunately now I don't have so much money.</p> <p>d) First of all, we will need more nurses and health services if we have more and more older people.</p> <p>e) In my country, women and men retire at 65.</p> <p>f) Unfortunately, you don't get any money from the government. You have to save throughout your life.</p> <p>g) Yes, I do. Thanks to medical advance, we will live longer.</p> <p>h) One of them is to analyse your budget regularly and see how you can save more</p> |
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2. In pairs, ask and answer the questions from ex. 1.

Commented [ESLBrains1]: The definition of the term "baby boomer" is provided on the next page.

WARM-UP IDEA:

Start the lesson by eliciting names of different generations and trying to define what their birth years / their differences are

Commented [ESLBrains2]: Vocabulary from this section comes from the video so learning it will help students with the next exercises.

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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. . **F – increasing**
- Some Americans cannot afford to live without work for 30 years when retired. **T**
- There are more people over 65 years old working in Japan than in the USA. **T**
- Fewer and fewer babies are born in the world every year. **T**
- Many seniors are encouraged to retire early. **F – to work longer**
- People don't have to retire at the age of 65 in the UK anymore. **T**
- 20% of American baby boomers do not want to retire at all. **F – 10%**

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.

Commented [ESLBrains3]: More details on Baby Boomers available at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baby_boomers

Commented [ESLBrains4]: Statements below reflect what is said in the video but they are not always phrased identically.

Play the video twice before checking the answers!

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

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afford
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VERB + ING FORM

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Commented [ESLBrains5]: You may want to have a quick discussion about the issues from the video as a post-watching task; however, do not go into the topic of retirement age to deeply (see **ex. 6**)

Commented [ESLBrains6]: Before doing this task, it is advised to elicit some sample sentences. Go for the most commonly used verbs such as:

- like + ing
- want + to do
- would like + to do
- finish + ing

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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.

Commented [ESLBrains7]: If you want more oral practice, ask students to compare their sentences and ask each other for more information about some of the statements, e.g. *Why are you frustrated when your co-workers fail to meet deadlines?*

Commented [ESLBrains8]: This works best with larger groups where you can divide students in sub-groups and ask them to brainstorm either advantages/disadvantages in preparation to the debate.

If students can't come up with many ideas, see the links below with some pluses and minuses and guide them toward discovering them.

<https://debatewise.org/debates/2708-retirement-age-raising-of/>

<https://www.debate.org/opinions/should-the-state-retirement-age-be-raised>

<https://www.heritage.org/social-security/commentary/pro-con-should-the-retirement-age-go>