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Generation

**Part I: Introduction:**

In the modern world, there are more and more problems between generations.

As a teenager, I also have problems with my parents. For example, I don’t like to talk with them and I think friends are better and useful. I would like to know why there are so many problems between generations. Before I was lower than 10 years old, I thought parents were so great, they knew everything. When I was 12, 13 years old, I thought parents were not as good as before, they would also be wrong. When I am 14- 16 years old, I think parents are always wrong, they always give me wrong ideas, and I don’t need them anymore. Maybe I think I am getting stronger and they are getting weaker.

**Part II: What I want to Learn**

I would like to know the difference between generations, and the biggest problems between generations, and what cause these problems, and how to solve them. Then, I could learn how to solve the problems between my parents and me, so I do some researches.

**Part III: The Story of My Search**

Source 1:

“MADE IN CHINA, DISCOVERING TODAYS CULTURE IN MODERN CHINA AND ITS FUTURE.”“With the change came a much better quality of life – the living standard of youngest generation is much higher than the youngest generations’ parents or grandparents. Urbanization brought people into the city – a new environment and different social rules. We have been brought up in a world of choice and diversification that my parents never thought or even heard of. Now, people are more tolerant and find it easier to adopt new and unusual things. The Chinese were poor in the last generation so they want to give their kids the best life possible.” (MADE IN CHINA)

There are three generations in one family. Because of different age, they have different thinking. The world becomes newer and newer, but the old still used their old mind. They may not understand what information era is. The information of a 18th British known in whole life is less than one newspaper now. There is too much information for the old to understand completely. Then, the old use their old mind, the young use their new mind, the generation problems happen. The middle generation didn’t want their children to be the same as they did before, so they give their children the best life possible.

Source 2:

After research, I do an interview with my parents. I would like to know what happened in their life when they were at my age. My questions are “What do you like best when you are at my age? What are the problems between you and you parents? Who do you admire when you are at my age?” Why do I want to know these questions’ answers? Because I could know whether there were generations’ problems at that time.

The same as I thought, the answer is actually not.

They answered me “In that age, listening to parents is the best way to grow up. …… We admired the people who made country better, but you admired the people who are the movie stars or singers.” They thought the parents were the most important thing in their life, so they must listen to their parents.

So, the interview means that the generations’ problems just happened in recent 10 or 20 years. I also find out one interesting thing. Because of no computer, no cell phone, no Wi-Fi at that age, they must do exercises (play with others) or read books when they had free time, so they did better than us in study also health. There were not much meat, so they were not fat.

Source 3:

Of course, I also read the book which is talking by two generations, “*Tuesday with Morrie*”. I didn’t find any generation problems in this book. There is a quote, ““*I … Always knew … you wanted … to hit me …”Morrie gasped. Yeah, I joked as I rapped my fist against the alabaster skin of his back. This is for that B you gave me sophomore year! Whack!”* It’s very friendly; could it be no generation problems in the western? Maybe not, it’s just for Morrie. From the book, I know that because the two main characters are two different generations, the ways they think about the things must be different. I know how to face other people equally whatever the people is my child or my teacher. If everyone did the same as Morrie, there must be no generation problems at all.

According to research, I know that the youngest generation has some changing. The young want more freedom. Because the western culture comes into China in recent years, the young want to be freer as the western, they want their own style, but the old don’t think so. Then they think each other is wrong. The generations’ problems happened.