

Intermediate – Value Your Elders

A. The Younger Generation:
Rosie wants to be a stage actress. She has agreed to organise the end-of-year entertainment, and she is going to put on a play. She wants to write it herself. She also wants to be in charge of costumes and make-up.

The Older Generation:
Mavis was a singer when she was a young girl. She used to write her own songs and perform them for soldiers during the war. She also made all her own costumes. She has some great stories to tell about her past. She feels sorry that her old sewing machine is just sitting in the corner. She's also quite lonely. She's got a big collection of books and plays that she used to read when her eyesight was better.

B. The Younger Generation:
Sam loves animals and growing things. He's very interested in organic food. He wants to work on a local farm at weekends, both in the fields and helping out with the animals. He's a bit nervous about applying for the job since he doesn't have much experience.

The Older Generation:
Brian grew up on a farm. He used to look after the horses, milk the cows, and help in the fields. These days, he spends most of his time in his garden where he grows his own vegetables. He'd love to have some company, but he never had any kids. He remembers how difficult it was working on a farm and has a lot of interesting stories to tell.

C. The Younger Generation:
Margaret loves painting. She's very good, but she doesn't really have a place where she can paint – it's very messy. She wants to try and paint as much as she can now, so that when she goes to art school, she has a lot of her works to show.

The Older Generation:
Karl used to be a painter. He isn't very well known, but he has painted some things he's particularly proud of, and he knows all about how difficult life is as a painter. He has a big studio that he doesn't really use because he finds it difficult to carry the heavy equipment and mix his paints. He'd like to paint again but he needs an assistant to help him.

Reflection Point

It's important to value your elders. Their experience means they have a lot of good advice to give, and it makes them feel proud when younger people listen to them.