

Week 9 Discussion Topic: Age of Consent/When do you become an adult?

If you feel anxious or nervous about speaking in English, here is a list of questions to consider for this week's topic.

Questions:

1. At what age can you gamble/buy cigarettes/buy alcohol/vote in your country?
2. Are the laws strict towards minors?
3. Whose responsibility is it to ensure that younger generations do the right thing?
4. Who decides what is right and wrong?
5. At what age is it common for people to live alone?
6. At what age is it alright to leave children alone at home in your country?
7. Many people in their 20s and 30s say that they do not know what it means to be an adult, or claim that no one ever taught them how to be an adult. In your own words, what does it mean to be an adult?
8. What sorts of behavior are befitting of an adult?
9. What sorts of behavior would you consider immature of someone who is in their 20s as opposed to their 30s?
10. Society says that once you reach the age of 18~20 (sometimes 16 in some countries) you are an adult, but at what age do you consider someone to really be an adult?
11. What age is good for children to have access to their own social media, such as Facebook or Twitter?
12. What age should children be able to stop attending to school at?
13. Should the age for smoking, drinking, and driving be the same age, or different ages?
14. In many countries, you are expected to retire once you reach a certain age. However, many people often want to work, but may feel pressured to give up their job the further they age. Should there be an age that adults have to give up their jobs by, or should adults be able to work for as long as they would like?