

Vocabulary

Expressions connected with age



1 Match the expressions in *italics* in a–h with the meanings 1–8.

- a My 90-year-old grandfather has only recently begun to *feel his age*.
 - b The children shouldn't have acted so irresponsibly. They are *old enough to know better*.
 - c Some people say that the secret of staying young is to remain *young at heart*.
 - d *The youth of today* seem so different from when I was a youngster.
 - e My aunt may be 60 but she certainly *doesn't look her age*.
 - f When I was a lad, anyone over 40 seemed *as old as the hills*.
 - g Tim's only 14 but very mature. He *has an old head on young shoulders*.
 - h We should take every opportunity because we're *not getting any younger*.
- 1 be mature enough to act in a more sensible way
 - 2 young people
 - 3 be more mature than is expected for someone so young
 - 4 growing older
 - 5 look as old as you really are
 - 6 still feeling and behaving as you did when you were younger
 - 7 extremely old
 - 8 be physically aware of your real age

2 Discuss the following questions.

- a Do you have similar expressions about age in your language?
- b Do you agree with the saying 'You're never too old to learn'? Why/Why not?

