

A to Z English



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Discussion Questions

1. What year were you born in?
2. Which generation do you most identify with?
3. If you could change your generation, which generation would you like to be a member of?
4. How different is your generation compared to your parent's generation?

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00:00:01 Jack

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00:00:06 Kevin

Second, welcome to an A-Z English quick chat. We're going to surprise each other with a topic for the day and just see where the conversation goes.

00:00:19 Kevin

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00:00:26 Kevin

And other social media so you can join in the conversation.

00:00:30 Kevin

So so chose back and.

00:00:32 Kevin

What do you want to talk about today?

00:00:34 Xochitl

I thought it would be cool to talk about the different generations. This is a really big thing in like US American culture specifically, and I know different countries have different generations and also sometimes it's not as popular.

00:00:47 Xochitl

I would say like with the influx of the Internet, I've noticed more.

00:00:50 Xochitl

Like millennial culture things in Mexico but before that.

00:00:53 Kevin

Are you trying to point out just that we're so much older than?

00:00:56 Kevin

You so true, that's why.

00:00:58 Kevin

You, that's why you want to talk about generation differences.

00:00:59 Xochitl

Yeah I did.

00:01:02 Xochitl

I didn't.

00:01:02 Kevin

It's true, it's true.

00:01:03 Xochitl

I thought we were all problem millennials.

00:01:07 Xochitl

Which functional?

00:01:07 Jack

Yeah, I'm I think I.

00:01:09 Jack

I was born in 1977.

00:01:11 Jack

When were you born?

00:01:13 Kevin

1982

00:01:14 Jack

82 insults one reborn.

00:01:16 Xochitl

96

00:01:17 Jack

OK so I was alive when disco was literally popular like ABBA was the top of the charts.

00:01:25Jack

Yeah, I.

00:01:27Jack

I think from you know, reading articles and stuff.

00:01:32Jack

My understanding is that I am in the generation X.

00:01:37Jack

Is what they call it like Gen X which is 1 general.

00:01:40Jack

Mission younger than the baby boomers, which were a baby boomer, is like my parents generation and they were people that were born.

00:01:49Jack

Yeah my.

00:01:49Kevin

Parents too.

00:01:50Jack

Yeah, born after the World War Two.

00:01:53Jack

There was a huge.

00:01:54Jack

Explosion there a giant group and they basically.

00:01:58Jack

Control everything and they have for a long time because there's so many baby boomers.

00:02:04Jack

But they had a lot of them.

00:02:05Jack

Had kids in the 70s and the 60s and.

00:02:10Jack

Those kids are generation X, so yeah, I don't know if that helps, but what what so?

00:02:17Xochitl

So what is your what?

00:02:18Jack

Was what is your generation?

00:02:21Xochitl

So I'm between a millennial and Gen Z which some people call millennials.

00:02:28Xochitl

Second, MZ, that's a Korean embassy.

00:02:28 Kevin

I see like NZ generation maybe.

00:02:32 Xochitl

Generation is.

00:02:32 Kevin

Oh, that's OK.

00:02:33 Xochitl

Yeah, so which is a fun tidbit forever.

00:02:37 Xochitl

I guess but.

00:02:37 Xochitl

Yeah, so I'm right between them because millennials some say they end at 95 and I started at 96 and then there's like a weird generation.

00:02:48 Xochitl

Between like 96 and 2001, that's like because and it's debated about whether or not their Gen Z are still millennia.

00:02:58 Kevin

Right, and that's for me.

00:02:59 Kevin

I'm on the cusp.

00:03:00 Kevin

I'm up.

00:03:00 Kevin

I'm writing that kind of mid generation between.

00:03:03 Kevin

I'm at the very beginning of the millennial generation, so like that's a millennial like I'm right at the start of it, you'll right at the end of it.

00:03:11 Jack

I mean.

00:03:12 Kevin

And it's interesting that even though we're in the same generation like I think.

00:03:16 Kevin

We had very.

00:03:16 Kevin

Different, you know?

00:03:17 Kevin

Childhoods, in the way we approach technology and things.

00:03:20 Xochitl

Right?

00:03:22 Xochitl

Like cell phones were already thing when I was.

00:03:24 Xochitl

A kid.

00:03:26 Kevin

That's really the interesting thing about the difference between our generations is where Jack and I, especially Jack, but me a little bit as well when we were very young, technology really wasn't big and it was just starting like Jack.

00:03:44 Kevin

How did you have a computer when you were?

00:03:44 Jack

Oh yeah.

00:03:46 Kevin

In elementary, middle or high.

00:03:47 Jack

School I never had a computer until I with Internet until I was 25 years old.

00:03:53 Jack

I was like social Age right now when I got my first laptop that actually had, you know Internet like high speed Internet that I could like.

00:04:03 Jack

You know, watch movies or you know or just even maybe YouTube wasn't even around at that time.

00:04:08 Jack

I'm not sure.

00:04:09 Jack

Just check e-mail.

00:04:10 Jack

That's all I would do is.

00:04:11 Jack

Just write an e-mail to my friends.

00:04:13 Jack

Check e-mail and read.

00:04:14 Jack

Maybe some news you know something like that.

00:04:17 Jack

It was very sick.

00:04:18 Jack

Full, but that was that was, uh, that was difficult for me, yeah.

00:04:22 Kevin

Kind of before the digital like revolution, before everything became digital, back when things were still analog.

00:04:29 Jack

Right, right?

00:04:30 Jack

I mean I grew up in the 80s, right?

00:04:31 Jack

I was a kid in the 80s, you know, running around the streets, playing kick the can, and you know the technology for us was.

00:04:42 Jack

Uh, Walkman, you know like a?

00:04:44 Jack

And and if you.

00:04:45 Jack

And if you were, if you were wealthy, if you had money, then maybe you had a CD Walkman like that was huge.

00:04:52 Jack

Like wow.

00:04:52 Kevin

This discman I'm at a distance.

00:04:53 Jack

A discipline yes.

00:04:55 Jack

Yeah yes no.

00:04:55 Kevin

I had one of those.

00:04:57 Xochitl

Uh, this might sound really stupid, do you?

00:05:00 Xochitl

Guys watch stranger things.

00:05:02 Jack

Yes, yeah love.

00:05:03 Kevin

I haven't seen the most recent season though, so don't spoil it.

00:05:03 Jack

That show, yeah.

00:05:05 Xochitl

OK, I won't spoil anything.

00:05:07 Xochitl

My my question was like is that what your childhood was like?

00:05:11 Jack

Yeah, exactly, that's very much like the style.

00:05:14 Jack

It's a little exaggerated for the TV show, but all the technology and the things that they do that's very, very similar to what we.

00:05:24 Kevin

For me that was.

00:05:25 Kevin

Still, those are those kids are a bit older than I was 'cause I was born in the 80s, and I think that show is based in.

00:05:30 Kevin

Like the mid 80s, kind of.

00:05:33 Kevin

And so, like I wasn't, I was still very young when that show would have.

00:05:37 Kevin

Been based.

00:05:38 Xochitl

Right, so you so you graduated high school in 99, so I guess that a lot of your childhood was in.

00:05:44 Kevin

The 90s mostly, Yep.

00:05:46 Kevin

Yeah, I'm more a kid of the 90s and Jack is market.

00:05:48 Kevin

Of of the 80s.

00:05:50 Jack

And socially, you're a kid of the 2000s, right?

00:05:50 Xochitl

Right?

00:05:52 Xochitl

Yeah, yeah, a lot of my child was in the 2000s.

00:05:55 Xochitl

I mean, I graduated high school in 2014.

00:06:00 Kevin

Wise OK.

00:06:01 발표자

Yeah, yeah.

00:06:01 Kevin

And I think something fun that I've always thought about with technology, especially at young ages, or how it's changing, is the symbols that we.

00:06:09 Kevin

Use for technology.

00:06:11 Kevin

So you know when you're saving a file, there's.

00:06:13 Kevin

A little save icon, right?

00:06:15 Kevin

Now, so I'm sure you're you're not battle, but you know what?

00:06:18 Kevin

That icon is right.

00:06:20 Xochitl

Look a little arrow.

00:06:22 Kevin

Looks like a disc, the save disk.

00:06:26 Kevin

In like Microsoft Office, Microsoft Word looks like.

00:06:28 Kevin

A little save.

00:06:30 Jack

Yeah, when you.

00:06:30 Kevin

This files.

00:06:30 Jack

Save the document.

00:06:31 Jack

It looks the icon looks like a disk.

00:06:35 Xochitl

Yeah, yes.

00:06:36 Kevin

Because it's like, uh, those?

00:06:37 Kevin

Disks that you would put into your computer.

00:06:40 Jack

A floppy disk?

00:06:40 Kevin

You probably a floppy disk, yeah?

00:06:43 Xochitl

Yeah, well, I think it's.

00:06:44 Jack

She's never seen one before.

00:06:46 Jack

Maybe in a museum.

00:06:46 Xochitl

I think I had my dad.

00:06:48 Xochitl

My dad had one but he.

00:06:49 Jack

He's not.

00:06:50 Xochitl

Didn't use it anymore, it was just.

00:06:51 Xochitl

Like he would.

00:06:52 Xochitl

Keep some old stuff you know and.

00:06:54 Xochitl

He had floppy.

00:06:55 Xochitl

Disk in his room with some other things.

00:06:57 Xochitl

We had one thing I did see.

00:06:59 Xochitl

A lot was a.

00:07:00 Xochitl

Man and he told me about it.

00:07:01 Xochitl

'cause like 'cause we used pen drives we would use little flash drives when I was a kid.

00:07:06 Xochitl

With Food Publix, like for elementary school and stuff, we would use flash.

00:07:10 Xochitl

Drives and my dad had.

00:07:12 Xochitl

A floppy disk and he said before you had these leads to use these, so he shows so.

00:07:16 Kevin

Yeah, yeah, and one floppy disk had 1.4 megabytes of information on it.

00:07:24 Jack

So yeah, it's

00:07:26 Jack

Just a couple couple documents and that it's like look I can have 10 pages in one one disk, you know?

00:07:30 Kevin

Horse Jack Jack.

00:07:33 Kevin

If you're driving next to me and our cars are next to each other and you look over at me and you want to tell me to roll down my window.

00:07:39 Kevin

What would you do? How?

00:07:40 Kevin

Would you?

00:07:40 Jack

Oh yeah, I would.

00:07:40 Kevin

How would you set?

00:07:42 Jack

I would make a circle with my with my hand like a because because you're.

00:07:48 Kevin

Rolling down the window.

00:07:49 Jack

Yeah, the window I had to roll it down with like a crank.

00:07:53 Jack

Basically you just turn the crank and then the window comes down, yeah.

00:07:54 Kevin

Yep, same thing.

00:07:58 Kevin

Manual windows, but cars today of course are.

00:08:00 Kevin

All just button.

00:08:01 Xochitl

Yeah, when I was a little kid my parents had a really old car and that it had.

00:08:06 Xochitl

The window crank, but.

00:08:08 Xochitl

I still make the motion like roll down your window like this because mostly the cards we used to.

00:08:13 Kevin

Yeah, these days it's all automatic.

00:08:13 Xochitl

Have right now I'll just for.

00:08:15 Jack

Our listeners out there socials pointing down, just like pressing a button.

00:08:19 Jack

And instead of making like a circle like a crank, yeah.

00:08:19 Jack

Right?

00:08:23 Xochitl

Right 'cause my parents sold that car for like scrap metal when I was like 5, four or five things.

00:08:29 Xochitl

So you know that was a very old car.

00:08:32 Xochitl

Yeah, so I do remember that and what a pain it was.

00:08:35 Xochitl

Terry rolled down with my little 5 year old.

00:08:38 Kevin

What was what was really annoying driving those cars is if you're driving alone and you want to roll down any other window.

00:08:45 Kevin

In the car.

00:08:46 Xochitl

Right?

00:08:46 Kevin

With the like, reach across the car to.

00:08:48 Kevin

Roll down the window, yeah?

00:08:50 Xochitl

Where I never thought about that.

00:08:51 Jack

I remember trying to grab it with.

00:08:52 Jack

Like my fingertips.

00:08:53 Jack

And you're just trying to get enough like you know strength to yeah.

00:08:58 Kevin

And hoping that you don't die.

00:08:59Jack

Yeah right yeah.

00:09:00Jack

But you know one of our.

00:09:02Xochitl

Signature from other countries, even if they're younger, will probably still be familiar with that, because here, well, you still.

00:09:07Kevin

That's true.

00:09:09Xochitl

Have the crank windows.

00:09:10Xochitl

First, some hard for older models.

00:09:11Jack

Yeah, some some cards.

00:09:14Jack

Yeah yeah, older cars, right?

00:09:15Xochitl

Regulation 'cause that.

00:09:17Jack

Yeah, that's true, that's true.

00:09:19Xochitl

So they'll they'll probably familiar with that, but for us in the US, almost every car has a.

00:09:25Kevin

It's got automatic now.

00:09:25Xochitl

Somewhere cheap it harmonic now yeah.

00:09:28Jack

What about the?

00:09:29Jack

Let's talk about the the attitude differences in generations because general generation axe has a pretty bad reputation as being the kind of.

00:09:42Jack

We don't care about anything man, you know. We listen to our grunge rock'n'roll Nirvana Pearl Jam, Stone Temple Pilots, my favorite music, my favorite groups and we would wear dirty old flannel shirts with ripped jeans and long greasy hair. And we didn't care.

00:10:03 Jack

About anything.

00:10:04 Jack

You know, and that was the attitude of the Gen X.

00:10:07 Jack

Or it's just whatever.

00:10:08 Jack

I don't care, you know, kind of kind of an angry.

00:10:14 Jack

Attitude, which is kind of goes against our parents.

00:10:17 Jack

The peace and love of the 60s.

00:10:19 Jack

You know, peace and love and love everybody.

00:10:22 Jack

And then in the you know the the generation X is is kind of angry and So what about Kev?

00:10:28 Jack

What about the millennials?

00:10:30 Jack

Is an old millennial and a very young millennials.

00:10:33 Jack

What are the attitude differences?

00:10:34 Kevin

Why I don't know what our attitudes, our attitudes are the I.

00:10:38 Kevin

Mean like.

00:10:40 Kevin

A lot of I mean I grew up. Well, it wasn't. I was in university when like 911 happened. Of course like that was a big thing like the world just kind of starts falling apart.

00:10:49 Kevin

Yeah for us, but I remember in like in in high school I'd listened to like I have like spiky blonde hair for style and like big pants yeah like big big hammer pants like big baggy pants and things like that was more the 90s style because the early 90s was grown.

00:10:50 Xochitl

I have

00:10:58 Xochitl

Let's marry.

00:11:10 Jack

But the.

00:11:11 Jack

Opposite to that was the.

00:11:12 Jack

Boy band in.

00:11:14 Jack

And Blackstreet bill only for that sort of stuff.

00:11:16 Jack

With the spiky blonde hair.

00:11:18 Jack

So I was little, I was.

00:11:19 Jack

The long hair.

00:11:20 Jack

Well now before I had her long greasy hair and then it went into kind of a very boy band thing.

00:11:28 Jack

So so sorry, you're going to say something and I interrupted you.

00:11:32 발표자

I have

00:11:33 Xochitl

No idea where is that I.

00:11:34 Xochitl

Don't think it's important it was.

00:11:35 Jack

OK.

00:11:35 Xochitl

Anything but I just wanna say, yeah, I would say between being a.

00:11:37 Jack

Right?

00:11:41 Xochitl

Selenium or whatever that cusper Gen Z millennial thing up.

00:11:47 Xochitl

I guess it was like Justin Bieber was popular when I was very, very young.

00:11:52 Xochitl

Well not super young, but maybe 13.

00:11:55 Xochitl

And then when I was a little older.

00:11:59Xochitl

Maybe like 14 or 15.

00:12:00Xochitl

One Direction was really popular, but I didn't like them and then who else?

00:12:06Xochitl

Kevin his Latino boy band.

00:12:08Xochitl

Maybe some of the listeners will know them was really popular too.

00:12:13Xochitl

But yeah, boy bands kind of made a comeback like Clean Image Boy bands kind man.

00:12:16Xochitl

Come back and I also think.

00:12:18Xochitl

90s style and grunge.

00:12:20Xochitl

Style kind of made a come back when I was in high.

00:12:23Jack

Ah, OK, just a little.

00:12:24Xochitl

He cycle trends right like?

00:12:27Xochitl

Very young Gen Z which.

00:12:29Xochitl

Is still in high school right now I guess.

00:12:33Xochitl

Whereas like 2000 clothes that I saw when I was a kid, and like I'm curious about this Jack, if you think and Kevin to do you guys think it's cringey because like when you saw your your trends from from like childhood recycled?

00:12:48Xochitl

Because I find it cringy when I see.

00:12:50Xochitl

Some trends like like.

00:12:51Xochitl

The platform flip flops in the in the big pants and the like crappy 2000s.

00:12:56Kevin

I guess you're still not too far out of high school, so it seems cringey to you when I see my styles of fashion come back, it's not cringey.

00:13:07 Kevin

It's just like.

00:13:08 Kevin

It's bank.

00:13:09 발표자

Oh my gosh.

00:13:09 Jack

Yeah, yeah.

00:13:10 Kevin

And it's more of like like.

00:13:12 Kevin

Surprising and throw down memory lane like I remember.

00:13:14 Jack

I remember when that.

00:13:15 Kevin

And it makes me almost feel older 'cause it's like I've seen it recycle and I've seen it come back after so long.

00:13:20 Jack

That's how I feel too.

00:13:22 Jack

I've been, I've been on the.

00:13:23 Jack

Rollercoaster so many times.

00:13:25 Jack

That I've been around.

00:13:26 Jack

I've seen I'm like, oh this has come back again. Ah OK, this is coming back again and it's just like Seventies 80s nineties, 2000s and then repeat.

00:13:37 Jack

And then it goes back to 70s style with the bell bottom jeans and then it goes to skinny jeans and then it goes to baggy jeans.

00:13:45 Jack

Which is right now and.

00:13:47 Kevin

I, I'm just, you know when.

00:13:48 Jack

You hit 45 years old. You just basically.

00:13:51 Jack

Decide on one generation and you just stay there and you ride that train all the way to death. Basically that's where I am right now, which is just T-shirts, yeah?

00:14:00 Kevin

Yeah, I think the most surprising thing for me, Jack, was when the music I like to listen to, which is it's very similar to your music like that kind of rock.

00:14:08 Kevin

It's when I first saw that being referred to as retro or all these.

00:14:12 Jack

Yeah the oldies station, yeah.

00:14:12 Kevin

Years I was like no.

00:14:13 Kevin

No, it is not that hard.

00:14:13 Jack

Yeah so.

00:14:16 Jack

It's fun, yeah.

00:14:17 Xochitl

Yeah, I listened to Nirvana in college, but it was definitely like a throwback thing to do that.

00:14:22 Jack

Yeah, yeah, no.

00:14:24 Jack

We we listened to in real time.

00:14:28 Xochitl

Right, I'm jealous, yeah, I mean, I really need to jam out to Nevada.

00:14:28 Jack

You know?

00:14:31 Jack

It was a.

00:14:32 Jack

Great time to be alive for music actually so.

00:14:33 Kevin

Nirvana was just I was.

00:14:35 Kevin

Just behind Nirvana.

00:14:36 Kevin

So like I would listen to like my older friends would be like Oh yeah, I listened to Nirvana when.

00:14:40 Kevin

They were coming.

00:14:41 Kevin

Out and they'd introduce it to me.

00:14:42 Kevin

So I was like just behind the that those ages, but I was still listening.

00:14:46 Kevin

To it just a couple years later I I still have a, uh, sorry, go ahead.

00:14:50 Xochitl

Oh no, go ahead, go ahead, good.

00:14:51 Jack

I was going to say I still have a friend that.

00:14:54 Jack

Talks despairingly about the time that he his dad wouldn't let him go to the Nirvana concert and instead had to go to basketball practice.

00:15:05 Jack

He wouldn't let him skill and yeah, and then Kurt Cobain died.

00:15:09 Jack

You know, like a year later, so yeah, yeah, yeah.

00:15:11 Xochitl

Oh, that's fine.

00:15:13 Xochitl

That's really that.

00:15:14 Xochitl

But yeah, I was gonna say I kind of have a similar experience to Kevin about being slightly behind things for millennial culture.

00:15:21 Xochitl

My sister is a few years older than me and she kind of.

00:15:25 Xochitl

She was more.

00:15:26 Xochitl

She listened to stuff and did things that millennials more related to, like the skinny jeans and the side here.

00:15:32 Xochitl

Part and the kind of music that's like throwback for them, but I was exposed to all of that through her.

00:15:38 Xochitl

But I relate more to like just that little in between Gen Z and millennial.

00:15:43 Jack

Yeah, well there you go.

00:15:46Jack

Yeah great.

00:15:47Jack

It's fascinating, yeah.

00:15:47Kevin

So for everybody out though, what what's your generation and how do generations work in in your country?

00:15:53Kevin

'cause as social said, MZ is Korean, right?

00:15:56Kevin

Every country has their own generations and sometimes things are similar and sometimes they're not.

00:16:02Kevin

So what's what's your generation?

00:16:04Kevin

What were things like?

00:16:05Kevin

When you were growing up and what are things like now?

00:16:08Kevin

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So remember you can check our website for social Media and PDF notes and we'll see you all next time.

00:16:14Jack

Bye bye bye.

00:16:23Jack

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