

age

1. [eɪdʒ] *n*

1. 1) возраст

middle age - средний возраст

a man of middle age - человек средних лет

school age - школьный возраст

the awkward [tender] age - переходный [ранний] возраст

what is your age? - сколько вам лет?

at the age of twelve - в возрасте двенадцати лет

five years of age - пяти лет (от роду)

I have a son your age - у меня сын вашего возраста

of uncertain age - неопределённого возраста

twice my age - вдвое старше меня

to act /to be/ one's age - вести себя сообразно своему возрасту

to bear one's age well - выглядеть моложе своих лет

to look one's age - выглядеть не старше и не моложе своих лет, выглядеть на свой возраст

overage - старше установленного возраста

he won't be called up for military service, he is overage - его не призовут в армию, он вышел из призывного возраста

what's the age of that church? - когда (была) построена /сколько лет стоит/ эта церковь?

2) продолжительность, срок жизни

the age of human life - средняя продолжительность жизни человека

3) *юр.* совершеннолетие (*тж.* age of majority)

to be of age - достичь совершеннолетия

to be under age - не достичь совершеннолетия, быть несовершеннолетним

to come of age - достичь совершеннолетия, стать совершеннолетним

age of discretion - возраст ответственности (*с которого человек отвечает за свои поступки; обычн. 14 лет*)

age of consent - брачный возраст; возраст, с которого женщина или мужчина правомочны давать согласие на половые отношения (*16 лет в Великобритании*)

2. 1) *геол.* период, эра

the Ice Age - ледниковый период

Age of Fishes - девон, девонский период

Age of Mammals - кайнозой, кайнозойская эра

Age of Reptiles - мезозой, мезозойская эра

2) *ист.* век, эпоха

the Stone [Bronze] Age - каменный [бронзовый] век

the Middle Ages - средневековье, средние века

the golden [silver, heroic] age - золотой [серебряный, героический] век

the Elizabethan Age - елизаветинская эпоха; эпоха королевы Елизаветы I

atomic age, the age of atom - атомный век, век атома

Age of Reason - век разума, рационализма (*XIX в.*)

to be behind the age - отстать от века

3. *обыкн. pl разг.* долгий срок, вечность

ages ago - давным-давно

I have not seen you for ages - я не видел вас целую вечность

4. старость, дряхлость

to join the strength of youth and the wisdom of age - сочетать силу юности с мудростью старости

from youth to age - с юных лет до старости

the infirmities of age - старческие болезни

5. *возвыш.* поколение

ages yet unborn - грядущие поколения

6. *тех.* срок службы (*машины и т. п.*)

the age of boiler - срок службы котла

the age of concrete - возраст бетона

7. *карт.* игрок, сидящий слева от сдающего (*покер*)8. *в грам. знач. прил.* возрастной (*преим. в статистике*)

age group /class, bracket/ - возрастная группа

age composition /distribution/ - возрастной состав

2. [eɪdʒ] *v*

1. 1) стареть, стариться

2) состарить; старить

grief aged him overnight - горе состарило его за одну ночь

2. *спец.*

1) выдерживать

to age wine [cheese] - выдерживать вино [сыр]

2) подвергать искусственному старению

3) вызревать

4) *эл.* тренировать

age [age ages aged ageing] *noun, verb* *BrE* [eɪdʒ] ^ˈ *NAmE* [eɪdʒ] ^ˈ
noun

1. countable, uncountable the number of years that a person has lived or a thing has existed

- He left school **at the age of** 18.
- She needs more friends of her own age.
- children from 5–10 **years of age**
- Young people of all ages go there to meet.
- When I was your age I was already married.
- He started playing the piano **at an early age** .
- All ages admitted.
- Children **over the age of** 12 must pay full fare.
- She was beginning to **feel her age** (= feel that she was getting old) .
- He was tall **for his age** (= taller than you would expect, considering his age) .
- There's a big **age gap** between them (= a big difference in their ages) .
- ways of calculating the age of the earth

2. uncountable, countable a particular period of a person's life

- middle age
- 15 is an awkward age.
- He died of old age.

see also ↑third age

3. countable a particular period of history

- the nuclear age
- the age of the computer

see also ↑Bronze Age, ↑Iron Age, ↑New Age, ↑Stone Age

4. uncountable the state of being old

- Wine improves **with age** .
- The jacket was showing signs of age.
- the wisdom that comes with age

5. ages plural (*also* **an age singular**) (*informal, especially BrE*) a very long time

- I waited **for ages** .
- It'll probably **take ages** to find a parking space.
- Carlos left **ages ago** .
- It's been an age since we've seen them.

6. countable (*geology*) a length of time which is a division of an ↑epoch

more at sb's advanced age **at** ↑advanced of a certain age **at** ↑certain, in this day and age **at** ↑day, feel your age **at** ↑feel *v.*, a/the grand old age **at** ↑grand *adj.*, a/the ripe old age (of...) **at** ↑ripe

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French, based on Latin *aetas*, *aetat-*, from *aevum* 'age, era' .

Thesaurus:

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- children of different ages

generation • • **age group** •

people **of your own** age/generation

people **of all** ages/generations/age groups

the **younger/older** generation/age group

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- in the nuclear age

era • • **period** • • **time** • • **day** • • **century** • • **generation** • |*formal* **epoch** •

in the... age/era/period

(the) **modern** age/era/period/times/day

the **end of** a/an age/era/period/century/epoch

Which word? **Age**, **era** and **epoch** are used more for a period in history; **times** and **days** are often used for the present

- modern times

- these days

Collocations:

The ages of life

Childhood/youth

be born and raised/bred in Oxford; into a wealthy/middle-class family

have a happy/an unhappy/a tough childhood

grow up in a musical family/an orphanage; on a farm

be/grow up an only child (= with no brothers or sisters)

reach/hit/enter/go through adolescence/puberty

be in your teens/early twenties/mid-twenties/late twenties

undergo/experience physical/psychological changes

give in to/succumb to/resist peer pressure
assert your independence/individuality

Adulthood

leave school/university/home
go out to work (at sixteen)
get/find a job/partner
be/get engaged/married
have/get a wife/husband/mortgage/steady job
settle down and have kids/children/a family
begin/start/launch/build a career (in politics/science/the music industry)
prove (to be)/represent/mark/reach a (major) turning point for sb/in your life/career
reach/be well into/settle into middle age
have/suffer/go through a midlife crisis
take/consider early retirement
approach/announce/enjoy your retirement

Old age

have/see/spend time with your grandchildren
take up/pursue/develop a hobby
get/receive/draw/collect/live on a pension
approach/save for/die from old age
live to a ripe old age
reach the grand old age of 102/23 (*often ironic*)
be/become/be getting/be going senile (*often ironic*)
die (peacefully)/pass away in your sleep/after a brief illness

Example Bank:

- Act your age!
- At your age I had already started work.
- Carlos left ages ago.
- He could read by the age of four.
- He lived during the Elizabethan age.
- He was sent away to school at an early age.
- He was still active even at the advanced age of 87.
- He's 20 years of age.
- He's quite a big boy for his age.
- I've been sitting here for absolutely ages.
- In an age when few women became politicians, her career was unusual.
- It is illegal to sell alcohol to children under the age of 18.
- It took an age for us all to get on the boat.
- She dreaded old age.
- She lived to the age of 75.
- She needs a friend of her own age to play with.
- She was beginning to feel her age.
- The general age of consent for sexual activity is 16.
- The voting age was lowered from 21 to 18 years.
- This exquisite little hotel seemed to belong to a different age.
- Twelvemillion people are over retirement age.
- Twelvemillion people in Great Britain are over retirement age.
- We had to wait for ages!
- When you get to my age you get a different perspective on life.
- White hair is a sign of great age.
- Why dress so formally in this day and age?
- a pleasant woman in early middle age
- an exhibition of Islamic art through the ages
- children between the ages of five and eleven
- children of school age
- the age of the wireless communication
- the golden age of Hollywood
- Are the laws of war still relevant in the nuclear age?
- He started playing the piano at an early age.
- It was only now, in middle age, that she was beginning to enjoy life.
- She needs to find more friends of her own age.
- They dug up several examples of Bronze Age pottery.
- children from 5–10 years of age

Idioms: ↑come of age ▪ ↑look your age ▪ ↑under age ▪ your age

verb (ag-ing, aged, aged) In BrE the present participle can also be spelled age • ing.

1. intransitive to become older

- As he aged, his memory got worse.

- The population is aging (= more people are living longer) .
2. **transitive** to make sb/sth look, feel or seem older
- ~ **sb** The shock has aged her.
 - ~ **sth** Exposure to the sun ages the skin.
 - These photos have been artificially aged.
3. **intransitive, transitive** to develop in flavour over a period of time; to allow sth to do this

Syn: ↑mature

- The cheese is left to age for at least a year.
- ~ **sth** The wine is aged in oak casks .

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	age
	BrE /eɪdʒ/
	NAme /eɪdʒ/
he / she / it	ages
	BrE /eɪdʒɪz/
	NAme /eɪdʒɪz/
past simple, past participle	aged
	BrE /eɪdʒd/
	NAme /eɪdʒd/
-ing form	aging
	BrE /eɪdʒɪŋ/
	NAme /eɪdʒɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- He had put on weight and aged a little.
- My mother has really aged since she became ill.
- The shock has aged her a lot.
- This wine has not aged well.
- a rapidly ageing/aging population

age

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1. **age**¹ **S1 W1** /eɪdʒ/ BrE " AmE " *noun*

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: aage, from Vulgar Latin aetaticum, from Latin aetas, from aevum 'lifetime, age']

1. **HOW OLD** [uncountable and countable] the number of years someone has lived or something has existed ⇒ **old**:

- " Francis is the same age as me.
- " Experts disagree over the age of the drawings.
- " Dad retired at the age of 56.

at age 5/18 etc

- " In Britain, schooling starts at age 5.

4/15 etc years of age (=4, 15 etc years old)

- " She was just over 16 years of age.

at my/your etc age (=when you are as old as me etc)

- " At my age, it's quite difficult getting up the stairs.

over/under the age of 5/18 etc

- " people over the age of 65

for his/her etc age (=compared with other people of the same age)

- " She's tall for her age, isn't she?

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually use the expression **how old ...?** rather than using the noun **age**:

- *What age is your brother?* → How old is your brother?
- | *They asked me my age.* → They asked me how old I was.

2. **LEGAL AGE** [uncountable] the age when you are legally old enough to do something:

- " What's the minimum age for getting a driver's license?
- " You're not allowed to buy alcohol. You're under age (=too young by law).
- " The normal retirement age is 65.

3. **PERIOD OF LIFE** [uncountable and countable] one of the particular periods of someone's life:

- " When you get to old age, everything seems to take longer.
- " The early teens are often a difficult age.

4. **BEING OLD** [uncountable] the state of being old ⇒ **youth**

with age

- " High blood pressure increases with age.
- " Some of the furniture was showing signs of age.

5. **PERIOD OF HISTORY** [countable usually singular] a particular period of history **SYN era**:

- " We are living in the age of technology.
- " Molecular biology is pushing medicine into a new age. ⇒ **in this day and age** at ↑day(6)

6. **ages** [plural] (also **an age**) especially *British English informal* a long time:

Simon! I haven't seen you for ages.

That recipe takes ages.

it's ages since/before/until etc something

It's ages since we've played that game.

7. come of age

a) to reach the age when you are legally considered to be a responsible adult

b) if something comes of age, it reaches a stage of development at which people accept it as being important, valuable etc:

During this period the movies really came of age as an art form.

⇒ ↑New Age¹, ↑New Age²

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1, 2 & 3)

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + age

- **old age** (=the time when you are old) the problems of old age
- **middle age** (=between about 40 and 60) He was in late middle age.
- **a great/advanced age** (=a very old age) My aunt died at a great age. | Kirby is not alone in wanting to run his own business at an advanced age.
- **a difficult/awkward age** (=used mainly about the time when people are teenagers) 13 – 16 is often a difficult age.
- **retirement age** The risk of experiencing poverty is much greater for those over retirement age.
- **school age** Children should start doing homework as they approach high school age.
- **school-leaving age** *British English* The government is proposing to raise the minimum school-leaving age.
- **the legal age** In the US, the legal age for drinking alcohol is 21.
- **the minimum age** 16 years is the minimum age to drive a car.
- **the voting age** plans to bring down the voting age from 18 to 16
- **the marrying age** She was 28 – long past the usual marrying age.

phrases

- **from an early/young age** She'd been playing the piano from a very early age.
- **at an early/young age** Kids can start learning a second language at a young age.
- **somebody (of) your own age** He needs to find people his own age.
- **of childbearing age** (=at the age when a woman can have children) It is against the law to refuse to employ a woman of childbearing age because she may become pregnant.
- **of working age** 55 percent of the people are of working age.
- **the age of consent** (=when you are legally allowed to marry or have sex) At 15, the girl was under the age of consent.

age + NOUN

- **an age group/bracket/range** Men in the 50–65 age group are most at risk from heart disease. | The school takes in children from the seven to eleven age range.
- **an age limit** There's no upper age limit for drivers.
- **age discrimination** laws against age discrimination in the workplace

verbs

- **get to/reach/live to a particular age** One in three children die before they reach the age of 5. | The number of people living to the age of 80 has doubled in the last fifty years.
- **lower/raise the age** (=at which something can be done) The voting age was lowered from 21 to 18.
- **look/feel your age** (=look or feel as old as you really are) The singer is 46, but she doesn't look her age at all. | I keep getting aches in my legs and I'm starting to feel my age.
- **act your age** (=behave in the way that a person of your age should behave) It's time he started acting his age.
- **ask/say your age** (=ask or say how old you are) It's rude to ask a woman her age.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 5)

- **the Ice Age** (=one of the long periods of time, thousands of years ago, when ice covered many northern countries)
- **the Stone Age** (=the very early time in human history, when only stone was used for making tools, weapons etc)
- **the Bronze Age** (=the period of time, between about 6,000 and 4,000 years ago, when bronze was used for making tools, weapons etc)
- **the Iron Age** (=the period of time, about 3,000 years ago, when iron was first used for making tools, weapons etc)
- **the Middle Ages** (=the period in European history between about 1100 and 1500 AD)
- **the Dark Ages** (=the period in European history from 476 AD to about 1000 AD)
- **the Elizabethan age** (=the period 1558–1603 when Elizabeth I was queen of England)
- **the Victorian age** (=the period 1837–1901 when Victoria was Queen of England)
- **the industrial age** (=the time during the late 18th and early 19th centuries when goods or substances such as coal and steel were first produced in large quantities using machines)
- **the modern age** (=from the 20th century until the present) the technical and scientific achievements that ushered in the modern age
- **the space age** (=since vehicles were able to travel in space)
- **the nuclear age** (=since nuclear energy was used for weapons or energy)
- **the computer age** (=since computers became widely used) the modern computer age
- **the information age** (=since the Internet has become widely used) Business has had to evolve in the information age.
- **a golden age** (=a time of great happiness or success) a television show from the golden age of British comedy
- **a new age** (=a time when things are better than they were in the past) Supporters see the coming season as the dawning of a new age for the club.

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THESAURUS

■ a period in history

- **period** a particular time in history, especially one studied as a subject: the late Victorian period | the interwar period | During that period many people moved from the countryside to the towns.
- **time** a period of years, months, days etc: The 1960s were a time of great social change. | the biggest earthquake in modern times | Verdun was an important city in Roman times.
- **age** a long period, especially one that represents a particular stage in the development of civilization or technology: the industrial age | We are now in the age of the Internet. | the Stone Age (=when people used tools made of stone)
- **era** a long period that has a particular character or that is marked by particular events: We live in an era of breathtaking change. | the post-war era | De Gaulle's death marked the end of an era.
- **epoch** /'i:pək/\$ 'epək/ *formal* means the same as **era**, but sounds more formal and important: We are now entering a new epoch in human history. | the colonial epoch | It was the end of an epoch.

II. **age**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *verb* (present participle **aging** or **ageing**)

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to start looking older or to make someone or something look older:

He was worried to see how much she'd aged.
The experience had aged him in advance of his years.

2. **[intransitive]** to become older:

The buildings are ageing, and some are unsafe.

3. **[intransitive and transitive]** to improve and develop in taste over a period of time, or to allow food or alcohol to do this **SYN mature**:

Cheddar cheese ages well.
The whisky is aged for at least ten years.

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