

B1-B2 English Worksheet: Would People Want To Live To 150? -

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Article

Some scientists believe that people may live much longer in the future. They are studying new medicine that could slow down ageing and help people stay healthy for many more years. This does not mean people will live forever, but some people may one day reach 120, 130 or even 150.

For many people, this sounds exciting. Extra years could give people more time with family, more chances to travel and more time to enjoy life. However, a longer life would only be good if people stayed healthy and independent. If people were often ill, lonely or unable to care for themselves, a very long life might feel difficult, not better.

There are also serious social questions. Would everyone be able to get these treatments, or only rich people? What would happen to jobs, pensions and retirement if many people lived much longer? People might need to work for more years, study again later in life or change careers more than once. And in the end, the question is not only age. It is whether a longer life would also be happier, fairer and healthier.

True/False

Decide if each statement is True (T) or False (F).

1. Scientists know people will definitely live to 150.
2. New medicine may help people stay healthy for longer.
3. Extra years could give people more time with family and travel.
4. The article says illness and loneliness would not matter.
5. Longer lives could change jobs, pensions and retirement.
6. The article says only poor people would get treatments first.
7. People might study again later in life.
8. The article says age is the only important question.

Phrase Match

Match the phrases (1-10) to the correct definitions (A-J).

Phrases (1-10)	Definitions (A-J)
1. live much longer	A. receive this medical help
2. slow down ageing	B. remain well and not ill
3. stay healthy	C. finally / after thinking about everything
4. live forever	D. have many more years of life
5. care for themselves	E. move to a different kind of job
6. get these treatments	F. look after themselves without much help
7. only rich people	G. continue working for longer
8. work for more years	H. never die
9. change careers	I. make ageing happen more slowly
10. in the end	J. only people with a lot of money

Synonym Match

Match the words (1-10) to the correct synonyms (A-J).

Words (1-10)	Synonyms (A-J)
1. scientists	A. alone
2. future	B. interesting
3. medicine	C. sick
4. exciting	D. later time
5. independent	E. important
6. ill	F. researchers
7. lonely	G. more equal
8. serious	H. treatment
9. fairer	I. well
10. healthy	J. not needing help

Use the new language

Choose 5 words or phrases from the worksheet and write your own sentences.

Discussion Questions

Student A

1. Would you like to live to 150? Why or why not?
2. What age do you think is a good long life?
3. Would more years make people happier?
4. What would you do with 50 extra years?
5. Would you use safe anti-ageing medicine?
6. What helps people stay healthy as they get older?
7. Would you like to study again later in life?
8. Who in your family or country is a good example of ageing well?

Student B

1. Should living longer be a main goal for science?
2. Would a society with many very old people have more advantages or problems?
3. How could work and retirement change if people lived to 150?
4. Should governments pay for anti-ageing treatments?
5. Would it be unfair if only rich people could get these treatments?
6. Could a very long life become boring or stressful?
7. Would longer lives make families closer or more complicated?
8. Is it more important to live longer or to live better?

Answer Key

True/False: 1=F, 2=T, 3=T, 4=F, 5=T, 6=F, 7=T, 8=F

Phrase Match: 1=D, 2=I, 3=B, 4=H, 5=F, 6=A, 7=J, 8=G, 9=E, 10=C

Synonym Match: 1=F, 2=D, 3=H, 4=B, 5=J, 6=C, 7=A, 8=E, 9=G, 10=I

Example sentences with the phrases

1. Some people hope humans will live much longer in the future.
2. Daily exercise can slow down ageing and keep the body strong.
3. Many people walk every day because they want to stay healthy.
4. Stories about people who live forever are common in films and books.
5. Very old people may need support if they cannot care for themselves.
6. Many patients want to get these treatments as soon as they are safe.
7. Some people worry that only rich people will benefit from new medicine.
8. In the future, adults may need to work for more years.
9. Some people change careers when they want a new challenge.
10. In the end, health may matter more than age.