

# Welcome to Today's Class!

## Today's Topic: Cross-generational Connections

Is it important that people of different age groups or generations exchange information, ideas, and perspectives?

### Agenda:

1. Review the video and vocabulary
2. Breakout room discussions
3. Large group wrap-up



# Watch & Learn



## Cross-generational Connections

### Key Vocabulary:

1. "old school"
2. Boomer
3. Zoomer
4. "sister phone"
5. "big hits"
6. isolation



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRWpDNNfc6c>

# Let's Talk: Discussion Questions

1. Would you use the Boomer/Zoomer phone? What question would you ask of a Boomer or a Zoomer?
2. Do people from different generations spend enough time together today? Why or why not?
3. What problems can happen when generations do not communicate well?
4. Should schools create programs where students spend time with elderly people? Why or why not?
5. Do you think technology has increased or decreased communication between generations?

# Communication Styles by Generation

**Baby Boomers (1946–1964):** Often prefer face-to-face interactions or phone calls. They typically value formal language, complete details, and a professional tone.

**Generation X (1965–1980):** Often act as a "bridge" between traditional and digital styles. They tend to favor efficient communication like email and concise, outcome-focused meetings.

**Millennials (1981–1996):** As digital natives, they gravitate toward instant messaging and collaborative platforms. They appreciate frequent focused feedback and transparency.

**Generation Z (1997–2012):** Prefer the fastest available methods, such as brief direct messages, voice notes, and visual formats like emojis or GIFs. They often avoid phone calls unless absolutely necessary.