

Age

Hello and welcome back!

In this lesson we will be looking at age and how we use *age* as a noun to refer to how many years someone has lived



Here are some examples of how we use the noun **'age'**.

*He looks a lot younger but he is actually the same **age** as me.*



We can also use the phrase: At the age of ...

*He started to play football **at the age of 1**.*



Be careful:



We don't say '*in the age of*' when we refer to people's age:

*Children normally start school **at the age of** five.*



Not: Children normally start school in the age of five.



Talking about age:

When we talk about someone's age, we use '**of age**' or '**old**'.

*She is a teacher and is only twenty-four years **of age**.* (more formal)

*She is a teacher and is only twenty-four years **old**.* (less formal)



Asking someone's age:

When asking questions about someone's age or the age of a thing, we don't normally use *age*.

We say '***How old ...***'?

How old are you?



Not: What is your age?



How old is your car?



Not: What age is your car?



How to ask formally:

In more formal situations, we only use 'What age ...'?

What age were you when you started this job?



Other uses of Age:

Age or ages can also be used to mean 'a long time', or a specific long period in history:

*It seems an **age** since we met.*



*I waited for them for **ages**.*



Life in **the Middle Ages** was very hard for most people.

We say *the Middle Ages* to refer to the period of European history from about the sixth to the sixteenth century AD:



Middle aged:

Middle age and middle-aged refer to a person's life from the ages of about 40 to 65:

Middle age is the most prosperous time of life for many people.

Many **middle-aged** people go to keep-fit classes.

