



generation

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noun

- 1 the entire body of individuals born and living at about the same time:
the postwar generation.
- 2 the term of years, roughly 30 among human beings, accepted as the average period between the birth of parents and the birth of their offspring.
- 3 a group of individuals, most of whom are the same approximate age, having similar ideas, problems, attitudes, etc.: Compare Beat Generation, Lost Generation.
- 4 a group of individuals belonging to a specific category at the same time:
Chaplin belonged to the generation of silent-screen stars.
- 5 a single step in natural descent, as of human beings, animals, or plants.
- 6 a form, type, class, etc., of objects existing at the same time and having many similarities or developed from a common model or ancestor (often used in combination):
a new generation of anticancer drugs;
a third-generation phone.

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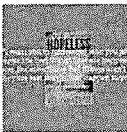
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generation

 / (,dʒɛnə'reɪʃən) /*noun*

- 1 the act or process of bringing into being; production or reproduction, esp of offspring
- 2 a a successive stage in natural descent of organisms: the time between when an organism comes into being and when it reproduces
b the individuals produced at each stage
- 3 the normal or average time between two such generations of a species: about 35 years for humans
- 4 a phase or form in the life cycle of a plant or animal characterized by a particular type of reproduction: *the gametophyte generation*
- 5 all the people of approximately the same age, esp when considered as sharing certain attitudes, etc
- 6 production of electricity, heat, etc

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WORD ORIGIN AND HISTORY FOR GENERATION

generation

n.

early 14c., "body of individuals born about the same period" (usually 30 years), from Old French *generacion* (12c.) and directly from Latin *generationem* (nominative *generatio*) "generating, generation," noun of action from past participle stem of *generare* "bring forth" (see *genus*). Meanings "act or process of procreation," "process of being formed," "offspring of the same parent" are late 14c.

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MEDICINE DEFINITIONS FOR GENERATION

generation

[jĕn'ə-rā'shən]

n.

A form or stage in the life cycle of an organism.

All of the offspring that are at the same stage of descent from a common ancestor.

The average interval of time between the birth of parents and the birth of their offspring.

A group of individuals born and living about the same time.

A group of generally contemporaneous individuals regarded as having common cultural or social characteristics and attitudes.

The act or process of generating; origination, production, or procreation.

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SCIENCE DEFINITIONS FOR GENERATION

generation

 [jĕn'ə-rā'shən] 

- a All of the offspring that are at the same stage of descent from a common ancestor.
- b The average interval of time between the birth of parents and the birth of their offspring.

A form or stage in the life cycle of an organism. See more at alternation of generations.

The formation of a line or geometric figure by the movement of a point or line.

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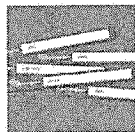
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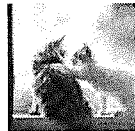
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