

2. Generational conflict over climate conflict is a myth.

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DIFFÉRENCIATION

WAY 1

1. Read the title and **identify** which point of view the journalist is going to express.

- ☒ There is no generation divide about climate issues.
☐ The young generation is more concerned with climate than previous generations.
☐ People are less and less concerned with environmental issues.

2. a. Read the first two paragraphs of the text and **pick out** the name of two celebrities who speak for climate.

Greta Thunberg – Billie Eilish.....

b. Explain why they contribute to giving a false image of the fight for climate.

They tend to make people think that only the youth is concerned and implicitly give the idea of a generational battle. They hide the involvement of older people.....

3. Read the end of the text. **Say** if these statements are true or false.

• According to Prof Bobby Duffy:

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| – the young are at war with older generations. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> False |
| – older generations are don't worry about the future of the planet. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> False |
| – Older generations are to blame for the present climate crisis. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> False |

• According to common beliefs:

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4. Explain in your own words why caring for the planet is a necessity for parents and grandparents.

Because they want to make sure that their children and grandchildren can inherit a safe and beautiful world. They feel like it's their responsibility to protect the world they will leave them.....

5. Imagine why a generation gap over the climate crisis could be "dangerous and destructive" (l.19-20).

If young and old people argue instead of working together, it will be more difficult to fight climate change. It will create division when the planet needs people to cooperate.....

3. Generational gap: Young Canadians blame boomers for growing disparity

WAY 2

1. **Read** the quote. **Place** the elements below in the correct column.

we • they • our lives • this generation

The younger generation	The older generation
they.....	we.....
this generation.....	our lives.....

2. **Choose** the definition which best corresponds to the idea of finiteness in this context.

- ☐ The planet can adapt and recover from everything.
- ☒ Raw materials are not unlimited.
- ☐ Life is short.

3. **Rephrase** Sheila Ochugboju's argument to **justify** that the young generation "is trying to save the world".

She thinks that people now have more knowledge and better understanding of the extent of the climate crisis. Indeed, people now are more aware of the finiteness of natural resources.

4. **Watch** the video and **pick out** information about people's main concerns in the 1960s. Which passage from Sheila Ochugboju's quote does it illustrate?

The 1960s was the age of hippies, and most people were concerned about war. This corresponds to what S. Ochugboju refers to when she says "Every generation has its own struggle".

5. **Rephrase** in your own word the point of view expressed in the video.

The different generations need each other to face the climate crisis. They need to work hand in hand.

1 2 3 4 Join your team and **complete** the table focussing on how each generation deals with climate.

	1 Do you have eco-anxiety?	2 Generational conflict over climate conflict is a myth	3 Generation gap: Young Canadians blame boomers for growing disparity	4 The Water Walker Trailer
Young generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 78% feel eco-anxiety. • 37% say their anxiety affects them daily. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Gen Z members particularly embody this fight for climate. (G. Thunberg, B. Eilish) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to save the world. • They see the problem / are aware of the idea of finiteness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn Peltier has been a water advocate since she was eight. • Skipped school to speak to the UN.
Older generation(s)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents and grandparents care deeply about the legacy they are leaving to the future generations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could not see the problem, felt like their life was infinitely good. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to A. Peltier, they are more concerned about money than about the climate.
Same or different?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The idea that only the youth is concerned with ecological issues is a myth. • More than that, a conflict between generations is dangerous. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More knowledge makes younger generations more involved. • Climate change is a concern that has all generations united. • Generational divide is not the answer. • One should not waste time deciding who is to blame. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concern has been passed from generation to generation. (from A. Peltier's aunt to the young activist herself)