Lesson 12

Topic: Parents and children

Reading: The "Generation Gap" Today

Text:

"Modern teenagers often feel that their parents don’t understand the pressure of the digital age. While parents worry about screen time and safety, teens seek independence and privacy. This conflict is known as the generation gap. However, experts suggest that the key to a healthy relationship isn't total agreement, but mutual respect. Open communication helps families find common ground and resolve conflicts before they escalate. Instead of judging, both sides should practice active listening to bridge the gap."

Vocabulary List

Word / Phrase	**Translation**
Generation gap	Конфлікт поколінь
Mutual respect	Взаємоповага
Common ground	Спільна мова / точки дотику
to resolve conflicts	Вирішувати конфлікти
to seek independence	Прагнути незалежності
To trust (someone)	Довіряти (комусь)
To get on well with	Добре ладнати з кимось
Strict / Lenient	Суворий / Поступливий (м'який)

Dialogue: Discussing House Rules

Characters: Alex (a 16-year-old) and **Mom**.

Mom: Alex, we need to talk about your curfew. You came home at 11 PM yesterday, but we agreed on 10 PM.

Alex: I know, Mom, but we were just finishing the movie. I feel like you don't trust me.

Mom: It’s not about trust, it’s about your safety and school performance. I’m being strict because I care.

Alex: I understand, but I’m 16 now. I need more independence. Can we find some common ground?

Mom: Fine. If you finish all your homework by Friday, you can stay out until 11 PM on Saturdays. Deal?

Alex: Deal! Thanks for listening to me.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you think your parents are too strict or too lenient?
2. What is the most common reason for arguments in your family?
3. How has the relationship between parents and children changed compared to your grandparents' time?