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Level 4 – 31st May, 2019

Anger at TV show with big age difference couples

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190531-age-differences-4.html>

People in the UK are angry at a TV channel over a show called Age Gap Love. People said it normalises grooming. One show followed the relationship of man who was 44 when his partner was 16. He was a friend of the 16-year-old's mother. He became friendly with the daughter when she was a child. After this show, the channel got a lot of complaints. People were angry at the show for "making this concept seem normal".

The couple are now married with two children. The man, 47, said he worried about what people thought of the age gap. His wife, 19, said: "The age doesn't really bother me. It never has done. I don't see him as an old man...or anything like that. He's just sensitive - like a big teddy bear." She said she always wanted a family and he was "the perfect man". Life was not easy for the couple. When they first started dating, they got a lot of abuse. They had to move.

Sources: <https://www.mirror.co.uk/tv/tv-news/age-gap-love-accused-normalising-16213965>
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/fabulous/9166705/viewers-blast-channel-5-normalising-grooming-age-gap-love/>
<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/tv/viewers-criticise-channel-5s-age-16341922>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. People in the UK are | a. was a child |
| 2. People said it normalises | b. old's mother |
| 3. One show followed | c. seem normal |
| 4. a friend of the 16-year- | d. the relationship |
| 5. He became friendly | e. complaints |
| 6. when she | f. angry |
| 7. got a lot of | g. grooming |
| 8. making this concept | h. with the daughter |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. married with | a. "the perfect man" |
| 2. what people thought of the age | b. bear |
| 3. The age doesn't really | c. of abuse |
| 4. like a big teddy | d. gap |
| 5. he was | e. move |
| 6. When they first started | f. two children |
| 7. they got a lot | g. bother me |
| 8. They had to | h. dating |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People in the UK (1) _____ a TV channel over a show called Age Gap Love. People said it normalises grooming. One (2) _____ relationship of man who was 44 when his partner was 16. He (3) _____ of the 16-year-old's mother. He became friendly (4) _____ when she was a child. After this show, the channel got a (5) _____. People were angry at the show for "making this (6) _____".

The couple are (7) _____ two children. The man, 47, said he worried about what people thought of (8) _____. His wife, 19, said: "The age doesn't (9) _____. It never has done. I don't see him as an old man...or anything like that. (10) _____ - like a big teddy bear." She said she always wanted a family and he was "(11) _____". Life was not easy for the couple. When they first started dating, they (12) _____ of abuse. They had to move.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AGE DIFFERENCES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190531-age-differences-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about age differences in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

