

Generations vocabulary

Avocado toast – A modern food trend often used as a symbol of Millennial spending habits.

Baby Boom – The sharp rise in birth rates after World War II (1946–1964).

Counterculture – A social movement that rejects mainstream values, such as the hippies in the 1960s.

Disillusionment – A feeling of disappointment after discovering something is not as good as expected.

Flapper – A fashionable young woman of the 1920s known for bold behaviour and style.

Generational divide – Differences in attitudes or opportunities between younger and older generations.

Glass Generation – A term for Generation Alpha, surrounded by glass screens like smartphones and tablets.

Grunge – A 1990s music and fashion movement with heavy guitar sounds and thrift-shop style.

Hip hop – A cultural movement from the 1970s combining rap, DJing, graffiti, and breakdancing.

Hippie – A member of the 1960s counterculture, known for peace protests, long hair, and colourful clothes.

Latchkey kid – A child who returns from school to an empty home because parents are at work.

Meme – A cultural idea or joke spread online, often using images and text.

New Romantics – An early 1980s music and fashion movement with flamboyant, theatrical style.

Punk – A late 1970s music and fashion subculture, known for loud, rebellious songs and ripped clothing.

Ragtime – A lively piano style popular in the early 1900s, a forerunner of jazz.

Rave culture – A late 1980s–90s movement centred on electronic music, dance clubs, and MDMA use.

Silent Generation – People born between 1928 and 1945, often seen as cautious and traditional.

Subculture – A smaller cultural group within society, with its own music, fashion, and values.

Wealth gap – The unequal distribution of assets and income between different groups.

Zoot suit – A flamboyant style of suit from the 1930s–40s, with wide shoulders and baggy trousers.