



Speaking to Me: a survey of words associated with aging

This survey is your OPINION. There are no right or wrong answers. Thank you for your honesty.

1. When someone I do not know well speaks to me, I like them to call me:

- Mr./Mrs./Ms. ____ and my last name
- Mr./Mrs./Ms. ____ and my first name
- My first name only
- Other

2. When someone speaks to me, I feel comfortable when they call me endearing names such as honey, dear, sweetie, darlin':

- Yes
- No

3. When nurses and doctors talk about my diagnosis or illness, I prefer they call me:

- Patient
- Client
- My Name
- A person with _____ (name of my disease).

4. How old is "old":

- 60's
- 70's
- 80's
- 90's

5. I consider myself old:

- Yes
- No

6. Being perceived as "older" is something to avoid:

- Yes
- No

7. It is funny when a younger person laughingly says, "Help! I've fallen and I can't get up!"

- Yes
- No

8. Age when I will not mind if people call me "old":

- Any time now
- 70's
- 80's
- 90's
- Never

9. In my opinion, the best word to refer to people of higher ages is:

- Geriatric
- Older Adult
- Elderly
- Senior Citizen
- Retired
- Other:

10. I think it is funny when people laugh and make jokes about aging:

- Yes
- No

11. If I were or am incontinent at times, I would feel comfortable with the following people knowing:
(check all that apply)

- No one
- Doctor/medical staff
- Spouse/partner
- Family
- Friends
- Hairdresser/Barber
- Anyone
- Other

12. What words would you rather hear to describe you or a loved one?

Option 1	Option 2	Both are Fine	Neither
Silver Tsunami	Aging Population	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vulnerable	Needs Assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Frail	Needs Assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senile	Experiencing Memory Loss	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A Funny Person	An Old Fart	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enthusiastic	Young at Heart	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wise and Experienced	Like a Grandparent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Residential Living	Old Folks Home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alzheimer's Disease	Old Timers Disease	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mature	Age Defying	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>