an interview with an elderly woman

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Language Center

Watch the video. How is the life without literacy?

Name of the video:
E. Life Without Literacy

Which one do you prefer to teach; young or old learners?
Which of these teachers do you prefer to teach you;
old & experienced or young & energetic?



2 Read the following extracts from the recording. What do you think you are going to hear about? Discuss with a partner.

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3 16.2 Listen to an interview with an elderly woman and check your answers to Exercise 2.

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4 16.2 Listen again and answer the questions.

1 Why is it an especially admirable achievement that Wendy has written a book?
2 Why does Wendy wish that she had written the book earlier?
3 What three things couldn't Wendy do in the past, before her life changed?
4 Why did Wendy's social life suffer as a result of her lack of skills?
5 What did Wendy see at her son's school that inspired her to speak out about her lack of skills?
6 What advice did Wendy receive?
7 What job does Wendy do now, and how does she feel about it?

Explain the difference between undergraduates and postgraduates. Which are you? If you are not currently studying, do you know anyone who is a postgraduate or an undergraduate? What do they study?



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Speaking



Did you have a part-time job when you were at university? Why are part-time jobs useful? Which ones are popular in your country?

Homework

1. Make a presentation about your ideal job.

2. Transcribe the listening