

In last month's Research News, we focused on Australia's ageing population and researching 'older people' and 'elderly people'.

In reading the various articles, it occurred to Scott MacLean, a more 'experienced' member of the editorial advisory group, that there was considerable variation in how the authors described these cohorts. In other words, were we talking about 50+, 65+, 60+ or something else?

So, he thought, why not ask the public what they would view as 'old' or 'elderly'?

Accordingly, with the kind pro bono help of Research Now (especially Tabitha Blair and Corinna Fenwick), a quick survey was fielded, asking the following questions:

Q1 What age would someone have to reach, before you would consider them as being 'old'?

Q2 What age would someone have to reach, before you would consider them as being 'elderly'?

Research Now obtained 1006 responses in the space of one and a half days, 501 from men and 505 from women.

As respondent age increased, so did the answer to the 'how old is old' question.

In contrast, answers to the 'how old is elderly' question were pretty much consistent regardless of respondent age.

Perhaps more interesting was the range of answers to the question: Why do you say that?

Q1A - Why do you say that?

- 1 wrong side of 30
- 2 coz I am almost 40....!
- 3 that is when you retire
- 4 because they retire around that age.
- 5 Because that's my opinion
- 6 I know so many active, busy people in their eighties
- 7 my mother in-law is 72 and still working full-time. 75 is not like it was 20 years ago. 75 is the new 60
- 8 Because you hairs grey,also at 60, and your body can be weaker at 70
- 9 because that is 3 decades
- 10 Well I am 60 and I do not feel old.
- 11 Because most people are quite active through their 60's and early seventies, but many bodies start to deteriorate in their late 70's
- 12 no reason really just seems 25 is starting to be mid 20,s
- 13 if yuor lucky to get to 80 youve done well
- 14 75 would just feel old

15 some people are born old
16 I live in a retirement Village and many of the residents here in their 80's are fit and healthy.
17 because my dad is in his mid 60's and he is almost an old man ...
18 start to slow down
19 people are younger in attitude and looks now than they were 20 years ago
20 retirement age
21 unless people get seriously ill, they can stay active and vibrant throughout their 70's
22 well, I am 62 and I don't feel old.
23 Because I'm nearly there
24 I don't know it just sounds old.
25 it depends entirely upon the individual
26 because that's my mum's age and I consider her "old"
27 skin renewal system
28 My folks are 40 and they are old
29 my opinion
30 I say 70yrs but some people can be "old" at 60, others "old" not till 80, depending on lifestyle, what happens to them during their life, ill health, bad fortune etc. I think the right term would be older person or elderly. I consider myself an older person but not "old" yet, still enjoying new technology.
31 this is the time when the body starts to age
32 Close to retirement age
33 People should not be categorised by age. You are only as old or as young as you feel.
34 People are living much longer these days
35 old is always 10 years older than your age....
36 When I was very young I looked at people of 40 as "old"; but now that I have reached 68, I watch all the activities my peers are involved in and enjoying & I now see a different perspective of "old". How old you feel you are depends on yourself.
37 That is when some people become reliant on other people
38 It's older than my Dad and he doesn't seem 'old' yet at all!
39 As it gets near 50
40 because it gives me another 7 years
41 they reach their retirement period and being restrained from work
42 A part of you feels older and a part of you feels younger.
43 retirement age
44 no reason
45 as society seems to believe that 50 men is old
46 because I am 52 and I don't feel old
47 Depending on the person's outlook on life, however late 60's is when people seem old
48 Retirement age
49 Because by 70 the biological clock does show the age degeneration in most people.
50 my parents are in their eighties and still full of life

51 People today tend to look after themselves better especially the females with all
the new and improved skin care products that are on the market. Men, it is good to see
that they too are now looking after their skin and physical appearances
52 seems old to me
53 then you can drive
54 It just seems that many people that age seem old but it depends on many factors
such as health and outlook
55 Start to slow down at that age.
56 not sure
57 By then faculties would start to deteriorate
58 Because these people would've lived a life and know what goes on in the world,
and have lived through most of it.
59 well i thinks thats old dude like my teachers are round 40 and there got greys lol
60 i'm 44
61 I'm trying to put it off and not admit I might be old already
62 past middle age
63 Because my mum is 98 and she still seem young to me but some in there 80., are
as old as
64 it's the age just below retirement
65 I don't think of my parents as old, and they are in their late 50's. I guess 70 is
approx. the time when you start having more major problems etc, and that person has
truely aged.
66 pension age
67 because that is just when they start to get grey hair and more wrinkles and just
dont have enough energy to do much.
68 People can still work and be active up to and beyond this age. Normally 80 is
getting on.
69 your old
70 I believe that age is as you feel. I am sixty and don't feel old. I may have a few
wrinkles, but am young at heart, and quite healthy
71 because i am near 50 and 65 is getting closer, when u strat needing help.
72 most people in their 60's are still reasonably active and besides I dont feel old and
I'm halfway through my 60's.
73 once you stop working you can be considered old
74 I think the 50 of years ago is now 60, and 70 is now 80. People are still quite
active in their 70's these days
75 it's in the middle
76 older people dress younger and look youger these days
77 I think that 40s is middle aged 50s is mature aged and the next is 60's which
would be old
78 by 75 I think ones mobility would be limited
79 I know a number of people ranging up to that age who still live active,
independent lives but few beyond that age. To me, that is the main determinant of who is
"old".
80 A major milestone age

81 most people are more on the move, and with it these days and after all I am
getting there medicine keeps people moving

82 FROM 0 - YOUNG FROM 30 - MIDDLEAGED FROM 60 - OLD

83 Most people are not old until well into their 80's.

84 Around retirement age

85 i am nearly 60 and already starting to feel it

86 It's retirement age - the age you claim the pension.

87 that is old

88 because they are reaching in to their elderly hood and they are going to retire from
their jobs.

89 because i am getting closer to that age and dont consider myself old

90 It is when most people start slowing down

91 Because the age rate of living is going up and i dont think that being in your 70's
is really that old.

92 people are usually retiring at that age

93 About the average old age now

94 my mum is 41 and old

95 i just think thats fair

96 at an age when you have to resit drivers licence but age is irrelevant

97 I'm 55 and I'm feeling very old

98 because it is

99 Most seniors these days do not look old or act old. We have good food and
exercise programmes which help seniors to live better, healthier lives

100 You're only as old as you feel.....

101 My father is 91, Im not sure if I consider him "old" People are working longer and
longer, no one retires at 65 any more.

102 It seems old

103 because age is only a number it is how u treat the life u r given that counts

104 is about the time people consider retirement

105 i believe you are my responsible and people tend to respect you a little more than
a teenager

106 Reasonable

107 Because by around this age, people's hair would already turn white, and physical
appearance would change a lot, also, their views would be much differ from younger
people

108 they are able to get early retirement

109 around retirement age

110 Old age is a state of mind. It happens (hopefully) to all of us.

111 It is a number that does not apply to all people. Old is a state of mind and bodily
disfunction

112 You asked, I answered

113 Until late sixties people are still able to work and participate in society without
restriction

114 No one is really old, it depends upon their mental state, i.e how physically and
mentally active they are. As those factors deteriorate so they become old; in my eyes
anyway.

115 Age is irrelevant people are old at 50 while others are young at 80
116 Most of our bodies start to fail 80 +, as well as memory. I have seen it first hand.
117 My thinking is under 35 - young 35-60 is middle age 60+ old
118 People have better access to medical help and information. This results in people staying active and involved in life for longer. Most people consider old age as a time when you can't look after yourself entirely.
119 Because people are living longer with a better quality of life and most times don't look as old as their age
120 ?
121 Out of the workforce and on a pension
122 I think 60 is old as by then you are expected to have had kids and ready to retire from your career and having to do this would definitely, in my opinion, "pronounce" you as "old"
123 Because i am not far off
124 no real reason
125 thats the age of my parents and I think they are old
126 your as old as you feel
127 I have relatives who lived to this age
128 tom me you are as old as you feel and also how you treat life example I am 60 been told look late 40's but I dont feel like I am 60 as I feel young for my age so really there is no age limit
129 retirement age
130 Really, some people are old at 40, many are young at heart however their bodies start to wear out by the 90s.
131 You are only as 'old' as you feel inside. As 'old' as you let yourself be. Keep active and healthy. By the time I get to 100 I feel I will be ready for a rest.
132 passed middle age
133 70 is roughly the age where people start to lose their flexibility and their memory
134 its a long time until i reach that age
135 once you get into the seventys the body really starts to slow down
136 'cause I'm just over 20 years away from 80!
137 Life begins at 40 so you would have to be at least double that the be 'old'!!!
138 I believe that is the retirement age or seniors pension
139 i think people have alot to offer as far as careers etc beyond that I think driving for one becomes an issue etc
140 "old" is more a state of mind than years lived. However reaching age 80 would in my mind qualify for being old in years
141 its the age where i stop being able to relate to that person on a peer level
142 cause now i'm 38 65 seems too close
143 Deterioration sets in
144 people are living longer, and staying healthier.
145 because I think that is when many people start to slow down and more events are occurring with their health, but not everyone my mother is still going strong at 86
146 As long as people are lively, have most of their faculties, they are never old. People nowadays are not as old in their thinking and in their physical attributes as the previous generations.

147 It all depends on the person I know some people who are old in their 20's and some in their 80's who are like youngsters. Keep yourself interested in the world and keep busy...and your mind active. I did a uni course in my 50's????

148 Most of my older relatives, who died from "natural" causes reached this age and were all healthy until this time

149 Because I'm not there yet but my wife is and she admits to getting old!

150 I think that is when ones health starts to decline.

151 Age is relative to mindset and in recent decades health and education improvements in Western communities have resulted in people regarding themselves as younger and healthier. People + 60 are still wanting to be active and involved in their community until well into their 70s and beyond- maybe in a different capacity to their employed capacity. 100 years ago, people were dead at 60 - now they're still very active and still thinking long terms. View of this is different in 3rd world environments.

152 BELEIVE TO BE HALF OF THEIR LIFE

153 I play tennis with people in their 70's and they are still agile and able

154 they look old

155 This day and age people stay younger for longer

156 cannot do as much

157 its the age when most people would be retiring

158 can't work anymore, rely on pension, need to be taken good care of, easily get hurt physically

159 thats what i think

160 because that is when they are more likely to have a lot of aging problems

161 dont know depends on context

162 Because 45 is old and over

163 unsure, it's hard to say.

164 retirement?

165 To give an cut clear answer is quite impossible as most depend on your state of your mind and if you are fairly fit physically; I nontheless agree with the generalise concept of the age pension.

166 My parents are around that age

167 As most people have retired and think about family and just relaxing

168 They would (should) have established themselves in a career and/or home.

169 Cos they are getting marryd and having kidz

170 Because I am old and depending on their health

171 Pension age

172 That's when people retire and get old age pension

173 Because at this age, you are not capable to do many things when you are young.

174 Because one only is as old as one feels and able to do things. Many people of 80 plus tend to struggle

175 because 50 is old

176 Dad si nearly 50 and he doesn't seem old to me but a few of his friends do

177 That there middle age

178 Because they are close to forty

179 Past working age

180 As this is the average age that people start to lose mobility and all sorts

181 because I dont feel old at 73 but my body is starting to get old
182 I do not feel old personally, but plenty of other Aussies do! It's a mixture of the
body creaking & stiff with too many birthdays, along side mental outlook & capabilities
(physical & mental)It is a question of attitude!
183 because today we have many people who are active and not as old as my parents
184 I am closer to that age than I was and now at 58 I do not feel old so 75 seems
reasonable
185 My parents are in their early 50s and I still see them as young; also, some of my
favourite actors/actresses are nearing 50 and are still very youthful.
186 Into the 8th decade of life is a long time. I know some people in their 60 and they
seem healthy and active - i can't say that i know too many with this activity past 75...
187 Because I am 77 and don't feel old as I am very active
188 Gives me 19 years of being young
189 It's pension age
190 because that's when people are Old
191 it's retirement time
192 it seems old to me
193 most people say if someone is 15 years older than them, they are old.
194 -
195 well they can get the aged pension, most can get their super and they are classed
as senior citizens, so that sort of says they are old.
196 Up until the age of 70, I don't think of someone as an aged person, after this age I
think of old people of reirement homes.
197 This is when the disease generally starting to strike.
198 As I get older my idea of 'old' changes. My mother and mother-in-law are not as
old as that and they still seem quite young to me.
199 Age is a state of mind. I think if you look after yourself and are fortunate with
your health there is no reason to slow down
200 Iam 58 and do not consider myself old yet.
201 it sounds old
202 People are living and working longer therefore the middle age range has risen
hence old age
203 getting 'old' myself - old as you feel is not just in the mind, in the joints as well
204 to reach 80 is a good age, not many make it to that age
205 They're then older than me :)
206 Because life is all about living and when you feel young you are young
207 Depends on the individual but things start to slow down eventually with loss of
physical and sometimes mental capacity and this would be an age band that is generally
applicable.
208 Age is your capacity to live situations and I know many who function very well at
an older age of 70+
209 I am currently 49 and my aunty is 80. My aunty is noticeably slower and has
quite a few health issues.
210 Do not consider myself old yet at 62. At 80 years the body slows down a lot more
211 Age at which there is significant functional decline. Also culturally, 50 is seen as
a celebration year.

212 retired
213 We not living any more in the middle ages
214 You can be old at 20 if you've got the wrong attitude and I've seen some sprightly
90 year olds, so hard to really answer.
215 Because that is when people start getting old nowadays
216 just through middle age
217 Past retirement age.
218 Having started a family in my 30's the 50's and 60's seem not so old.
219 you are as young as you feel
220 Because I still see the 60s as being "middle aged" rather than old, possibly
because my father is in his 60s and I don't see him as "old".
221 My parents are reaching this age now and they have definitely slowed down so
much. They cannot do what they always used to do. Life is very much modified for them
now and they need to visit the doctor frequently.
222 Because that's more than 3 score and ten which the lord has predicted
223 people say I am old at 50
224 They are past half a century and should receive a pension. Body breaks down
around that time and most people die around that age.
225 because its over the pension age
226 This is the age that people will begin to retire.
227 Retirement age
228 most people live to their 70's so if you pass 80 you are becoming a minority
229 You have been retired for 15years and usually your health is ailing and you
require alot of care.
230 Old enough to drive, vote
231 That's about the age when things start going backwards.
232 because I consider age a state of mind. If you act old you are old if you think
young age is not a barrier as far as I am concerned. I may never get a job but I do
volunteering and keep active both physically and in the mind.
233 grey hair, frail, slow wrinkled
234 age is a state of mind
235 That's the age my parents started losing their health.
236 I don't think you are old until you reach 80.
237 my dad reached 79 and is still young enough to travel the world
238 its all relative,the older you get,the further you push the "old" tag upward.when i
was 20 i thought 40 was old
239 this traditionally when we used to retire, due to our bodies not being able to keep
up with the pace of work. (although this isnt as true these days)
240 provided a person is in reasonable health and keeps their mind alert and active
there is no reason for them to not continue going out and enjoying life. at 80 i think time
will start catching up although there are exceptions to this
241 not many make it to that age.
242 i dont know
243 cause im 52
244 Consider old when you can't do the things you want to.
245 They are usually feeble and require assistance.

246 It's retirement age, but really its an invidual thing
247 because they have been around for so long and things start to slow down foe them
248 because by 75 you have been retired for a while and most of your body parts seem
to be having problems
249 Because you are only as old as you feel.
250 probability of living to that age starts to diminish after about 75, so 80 is a fair
average
251 passed that age and feel old
252 because I am 72 and I do not act or feel old in fact many pople think my son in
law is my older brother ,I am very active and aware
253 i think when someone reach this age he/she still has young soul and personality.
in other way, any peraon,generally, from age 20 to 50 they can understand the situations
and between each other and it seems like they have close thoughts different act or
desicion.
254 because we are all living longer and in better health these days
255 Because 40 seems like a long way away
256 You ar never old.You are just older,and an older person is as Young As He Feels
257 you're half a century old which sounds really old
258 After about the age of 60, people start to care less about modern day things; eg;
technology, fashion, etc.
259 Most people of that age have a higher level of fitness and health than in previous
years, many people work past 65 years of age. People of up to 70, at least the ones I
know, are mobile, own mobiles and use the internet - this keeps them in touch with the
modern world and therefore they are able to participate in it.
260 average age for losing some abilities
261 YOUR ONLY AS OLD AS YOU FEEL
262 Most people are fitter and have a younger outlook than previous generations.
263 thats when they start telling you about when they were young.
264 Wrinkly
265 Will not be long before I reach that mark 22 years is only around the corner and if
a 100 yo can win gold in masters games why not
266 Most people are more active now than what they were in the past and they tend to
look after them self better. Better access to doctors , good food and care than in the old
days
267 Well I'm nearly 50 and I have friends who I consider young who are 60. These
days 60 year olds are still very active. I suppose when I'm 60 I will change the age I
consider to be old to 80. It's all relative as they say.
268 most young people these days would not give up their seat on public transport
unless somebody who looks that age is standing/crippled
269 I am 55
270 That's when you are prone to falls and accidents
271 Tholder I become the older i consider is "Old" LOL
272 as that is retirment age
273 I guess it is all relative. With a life expectancy of 85 or there about, 70 is getting
old.
274 age has nothing to do with capability

275 That's old :)
276 not sure
277 Health issues become worse, not as active
278 because it is older than me
279 I think that is a good age
280 Because it really depends on the person. My husband is 80 and there is no deterioration in him mentally or physically, just a few extra grey hairs! I am 76 and I feel about 50! It is a bit disappointing when I put my age in some surveys and immediately get phased out because of my age. Age is a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind it doesn't matter!
281 60 is the age that women can retire.
282 Because 50 is old enough for me
283 I'm 59 and hate the thought of 'being old'. I used to think 60 was but I will be 60 in January and don't feel or look old so I will say 65 but to me whatever age you are you don't think it is old. When I was 20 I thought 40 was ancient but when I was 40 I didn't think I was old. Definatly over 65
284 becuae that is when they are gettong older and wiser and i usually see them as an old person
285 because life doesn't begin until you are 40.
286 no
287 because i am over half the age of 100
288 depends on each person but most people at that age struggle with health and mobility
289 because it is
290 Providing you are fit and young at heart, working and keep active, have good health prior to 70 I consider it not being old.
291 not sure
292 because i am 30 and i feel old (my wife on the other hand is not quite 30 and not old to me)
293 Age is a state of mind as much as a chronological concept. However, by age 70, most people have some health or "ageing" issues to deal with
294 retirement age
295 Have finished working, more medical problems
296 dont know
297 No real reason. If you asked me when I was 20 yrs old, I would have said 55yrs.
298 That is the age when one is more likely to have some health problems and experience a slowing down in levels of activity.
299 these days people do not appear as old as their actual age
300 You become a senior then. You might have finished work by then
301 Most people in their 80's are very active and contribute to their community
302 People are generally settling down by then, having a family and preparing for monotony.
303 I don't think of AGE so much as in years but in how a person acts. 70 is relatively arbitrary.
304 it depends though because some people can be older than this but they are still cool

305 because they will be retiring soon
306 because they are responsible children and house and they look old
307 because today's life style is not as hard as it was 30 or 40 years ago
308 because it won't be long until I am that age. My parents are also above 60 and I don't consider them to be old
309 I think there are two types of people who are 'old' younger people who live a sedentary lifestyle and have health issues and older persons over the age of 75 who have lived a fit and active lifestyle and are old because of age
310 not sure
311 At 75 most people are slowing down and most like the quiet life
312 It depends on the way you think, if you think young you are young but if I had to put an age then most people seem to die in their 80s so maybe that's old.
313 Because they are longer a teenager
314 At that age I would consider that my life style would be diminished by ailments starting to affect myself
315 been to work for a while, or been to uni to see different people.
316 People more often seem to be more active now days for longer, maybe partly due to myself getting older and seeing things different as well as we are aging better now days due to modern medicine
317 my impression
318 hard to tell though, cause it depends if they are cool or not
319 because at 40 everything started to go down hill
320 Need some one to help
321 my parents are still very active in voluntary and study at 80 yrs and 75 years living at their home still. I think of my parents as *seniors* - old is when I consider them to be more at risk.
322 your as young as you feel
323 people are living a lot longer. I work in aged care and the majority of residents are in there late 90's
324 just feeling
325 Because that age sounds old.
326 being old is a matter of mind. If you feel old you will be old if your mind is active and you are the age is just a figure.
327 because that's when they reach there maturity
328 coz that is old to me. The talk old, look old and think they know everything.
329 I work in aged care I see people who are 80 and older who don't think they are old and still live in there own homes
330 I THINK YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE WOULD BE HORRIBLE, ESPECIALLY IF YOU COULD NOT LOOK AFTER YOURSELF
331 That is the usually accepted age for retirement
332 because I know people at 90 who are still rather young.
333 People can be old at any age but in general terms in regard to appearance and declining health problems, 90 years would be regarded as being "old."
334 because its halfway through a long life (100) and because the signs of aging are very apparent at that age
335 You are eligible to retire

336 Today "middle age" seems to go from 40 to 65. But I do not think I would consider myself old at 65. But it depends on the person and their outlook on life - some people are old at 50

337 its just my view

338 because it is the age that everyone looks at you as an adult and you finish school.

339 Because mt dad is 60 and he has really been showing his age in the past few years.

340 90 is the new 60

341 My parents are in their 70's and they dont seem old at all

342 because sometimes you feel it

343 I have many friends who are in their fifties and sixties, and I don't think of them as being "old" - but I think I would consider someone in their mid-seventies as starting to become "old".

344 I know many people well into their 70's living active and full lives.

345 Features about them make them look old.

346 I am hoping I am still fit and able and will not feel 'old' until that age or older.

347 Because they became a hermit crab.

348 Seniors card

349 Because its half way to 100

350 people seem more youthful these days, dress younger, better medicine and cures, later babies therefore older parents and older grandparents.

351 because i'm 68 and feel like i am 50

352 Because people are staying healthier longer nowadays.

353 Because I don't feel old, just not as fit as I used to be

354 i think it depends on how you feel not your age.

355 Age today is not determined by a figure. Age/ old I feel is a natural progression and it "Might" be applied when someone chooses to be old or when the mechanics of health breaks down.

356 u go downhill from there

357 just a number thats all

358 it's relative that's about the age you can stop physically doing all the things you did younger though

359 retirement age

360 they are slow

361 If it used to be three score years and ten many years ago it has to be three score years and twenty in 2009

362 dont know

363 no reason

364 becuse I'm oldest

365 "old" is being 15 years older than yourself

366 Most persons in the 50s to 70s still have a young outlook on life and living (even if the mechanics are slowing a bit)

367 it is older than me

368 dont consider people old unless they think they are, or the body packs it in.

369 I know many people in their seventies who I would not consider old. Don't think it is a question of years.

370 Now that my parents are in their 50's and I can see them aging but not yet "old" I feel 60 is probably the point in which I would describe someone as "old". It is the decade you retire and people usually are completely grey by that stage.

371 less productivity

372 I'm nearly 60 and don't think of myself as old. My Mother is 98, that is old.

373 because i dont feel old yet and im 48 and i think that i will always feel young inside no matter what age i am

374 family

375 Increase Health Problems

376 At 65 I am physically active and have an active mind. I have a wonderful social life with similar people.

377 Depends on the person and how old they think they are.

378 starting to go gray

379 cause its cool to be in your thirties and forties

380 Being old is not chronological but attitude

381 ATTITUDE....you are only as old as you feel. in some cases a 30 year old could be viewed as being old if they have a low outlook in life and yet some healthy over 80's are hard to keep up with....they just seem to know how to enjoy life

382 Because they would more than likely be dead. I don't believe you are old until you die

383 to have lived past the old longevity calculation of .. 3 score years and 10 = 70 modern technology /drugs/medical intervention etc should in principle get most to this age and past but what holds further aging from not going higher is the advent of extreme bad eating habits .. etc

384 Many of us 50 yr old dont consider age

385 in many cases person is physically too frail

386 i dont know

387 This is retirement age

388 It's when people become eligible for the old age pension.

389 by this age the brain and the body don't work so well.

390 because at that age people start to be unable to do things

391 cause you are as young as you feel and if you act young without being childish you are never old

392 These days 40 is the new 30, 50 is the new 40 and so on. I think around 65 you start to age visibly (wrinkles, posture,etc.)

393 I see most people aging rapidly at this point, and their focus often becomes overly involved with there health and age. Deservedly, most people of this age are slowing down, and this is reflected in all aspects of their existance.

394 Thats the pension/retirement age

395 my dad's 50 and he's not old

396 age is just a number

397 Almost towards retirement.

398 because thats when they start looking and acting old

399 dont know

400 People are living longer,better and healthier now...

401 no reason just think thats old

402 Once a person finishes working they enter the final phase of their life.
403 i just think so
404 because it's a lot older than me!
405 my dad is in his fifties and i don't consider him old
406 thats old due for pension
407 I'm 62 and that's old
408 because it depends on the person and how they act, how much they complain and
how they live.
409 I dont know
410 45 is when everything changes.
411 I know some very young and active people in their 70's and early 80"s
412 I guess when I hear the saying "life begins at 40"
413 pension
414 officially pensioner
415 because I think of 40-50 as being middle age then 60 is old
416 I think once you reach 80 everything starts to go down hill
417 age of people when children are becoming older and they don't generally have
young children. Many around this age have or are startign to have grandchildren. Also
age when thinking about or gearing towards retirement.
418 once they have retired?
419 this seems to be when alot of people start to slow down with thier sports,
drinking,sex etc
420 my parents are 64 and they dont seem old at all
421 body parts start deteriorating
422 Know lots of people in the 60-90 age bracket
423 70+ are old people. It has changed alot in recent times
424 It depends on functioning and mental ability
425 close to retirement age
426 cause 50 is old
427 As the saying goes: "You're only as old as you feel." I know some people in their
90s who are BRIGHTER than kids in their 20s...and they seem to have a lot more brains
too! AND they can spell and add up better than 20 year olds these days! Age is just a
state of mind! If you feel young...you ARE young!
428 Retirement age
429 'official" retirement age
430 Because my Mum is 70 and she doesn't seem old at all to me.
431 When I reach 80, I'll probably change my mind, as years are not a good indicator
of a person's age. Outlook, optimism and health play a greater role.
432 even 80 is not old but i think that that would probably be when people start to be a
little less active and slow down than before
433 i am 62 an do not feel old.
434 far enough from my age
435 I have noticed that since turning 80 my dad's health has not been as good and he
now looks old
436 They would be getting close to 100 years.
437 Today tyhat is old

438 Years ago I would have said 60 or 70, but as I get older, so does the meaning of "old". These days 'oldies' are doing a lot more in their communities, using the internet, etc. Besides my Mum (89) would kill me if I said she was old!!

439 Most people have good health until that age.

440 many 'older' people these days are still very active, look after themselves physically and mentally

441 don't know

442 cos I'm nearly 40 and don't feel old

443 their bodies are shutting down

444 don't know

445 They are approaching retirement age

446 50 is alright I guess, and anything over that is sorta ripe but 60 is really getting there.

447 Probably that is when I expect you start to slow down!

448 to slow

449 Because I don't feel old at 66

450 just the first thought that came to me

451 No real reason, just a feeling

452 magic number

453 more health problems,

454 To be honest, a person is only as old they think they are.

455 After watching some footage of the Masters Games and seeing some of the competitors, it really does depend on the individual, their outlook on life, their health, their family support, also the attitude of family towards a person's lifestyle

456 50s is still fairly young, 60s is when stuff starts going wrong with your body

457 as a 20 year old I would call someone who was 40 old. as a 30 year old, 50 would be old, as a 40 year old, 60 would be old, DO you get the picture??

458 Longer life expectancy, people working longer,

459 because I'm 61 and still feel young

460 nothing

461 has a daunting ring to it

462 not sure

463 when you might not be able to look after yourself

464 Retirement age

465 Retirement age

466 40 seems like middle age, assuming life expectancy is until 80

467 There are many people who are quite fit in their 70's who can travel and some even still work.

468 because at 60 you've passed the middle-age stage and are now old.

469 anyone can feel young, it just depends on how you feel.

470 Because I am getting close to that and I do not feel old at the moment

471 people are living longer now

472 at 75 I feel that I would start to feel old in ten years time

473 I believe you're only old once you start to need help to do some of the simple things in life

474 it largely depends on the person. i know some people younger than that who act like they are one step from a coffin and others who are full of beans that are over that age

475 I feel as though I might have that much life in myself before I leave this life!!!!!!

476 Because I am already nearly 50. I think that people need to be significantly older than you to be regarded as old.

477 I was born to parents who were 50 and 45 years older than me respectively, so people weren't old unless they were older than them. Now being an active 60-year old myself in a dragon boat team with a fit member who is 70. These ages don't seem old. But a frail 70-year old may seem "old" to me.

478 55 is past midlife, reaching retirement age. people who are 55 usually show signs of aging like presence of white hair and wrinkles.

479 I think people are more aware of their health these days and have access to medical and health support systems which allow them to act and feel younger then their age.

480 don't know

481 Because by then their bodies (not necessarily their minds) would be slowing down and their reactions would no long be what they were when they were young.

482 Have met people during my lifetime that were well into their eighties including one gentleman of 92 who were just so physically and mentally alert it defied belief. Many younger people were frail and decrepit but the handful I mention it wasn't an issue.

483 because usually by then people have kids and no life

484 people seem to be living longer and seem to look after their health and exercise more and seniors are encouraged to socialise more

485 look and act old

486 it is over the hill

487 It would depend on their activity and mind set but 70 seems like old

488 As these days our life expectancy is much higher and besides we are all young at heart.

489 because i am getting up there to that age

490 because

491 no reason

492 As I get older I meet plenty of older people and some are old at 60 and some are young at 85

493 they're finished studying

494 I know what that age is

495 people are healthier now

496 well the goverement say for you to work to so this is the aged 75-80

497 by then you might be married and have kids

498 my parents are in their 80's.

499 It really depends on the person. Some people are old in attitude and behaviour at 50-55, others are not until they are into their seventies. 65 is a average age where people retire, but not all have the "old" attitude even then.

500 That;s age is consider as mature adult

501 people are taking more care

502 The population is aging and people are working longer and maintaining active lifestyles

503 the population generally are fitter, aware of eating well and taking on activities that keep the brain active.

504 they are older than the average age a person dies

505 Generally physical constraints limit capabilities

506 semi retirement age

507 I am 69 and do not feel old (yet!)

508 that's 20 years away from my age

509 I feel my mother and mother inlaw started to show their age at this time, I'm 63 and don't remember how I got there, time has passed so quickly, I still feel and think like a thirty/forty year old

510 Still very active, still play sport at elite level, still contribute at work at a high level, still fit.

511 Age most people retire. Children grown. Financially secure.

512 This is still 5 - 10 years less than the average age

513 retirement age

514 Because it is half a century

515 People in the 60s (generally) still look good. People in their 70s are slowing down, and looking aged, are talking more about their health.

516 It is "old"

517 I am 58 now and I feel at 60 life will be harder due to physical and mental natural aging process. Life is still good, but more difficult

518 because they tend to slow down a lot and develop ailments associated with age

519 People living productive and happy lives beyond the 65 years of retirement

520 Well I am 62 and still feel I am at least 20 years from being OLD.

521 Because getting older I think about 20 - 30 years older than me

522 I guess it is around my parents age, older than I.

523 I have met a lot of people 80+ who seem to have a great deal of life & energy & just keep going once they hit their nineties they tend to slow down

524 Age related problems are more common and mobility decreases.

525 Because I am in my 50's and I definitely don't feel anywhere near old

526 age is not the issue it is attitude and physical and mental capability. Some are old at 20 some are young at 75!

527 Because I don't feel old. Isn't 65 the new 45?

528 because people are working longer and have a better lifestyle and quality of life

529 because i'm nearly 60

530 age has no bearing it is how healthy they are.

531 Because I don't feel old yet.

532 I don't feel old so it must be a number greater than 67

533 people under this age don't appear old these days with modern medicine and better diets.

534 Half way to 100

535 more people are active.

536 I don't feel old yet.

537 My parents are getting older but I don't look at them and think they're old because they're in their 50's. I think when someone says they are 60, that they are getting old

538 I don't feel old

539 The concept of "Being old" has shifted over the last 15 years as Baby Boomers enter this age group.
540 they're old
541 because the body won't let you do the things you used to do.
542 don't know
543 That's the age that I think the body starts to deteriorate in capability
544 Retirement age
545 retirement age
546 Quite a few years older than me
547 coz they look old
548 It's the official retirement age.
549 As I turn 40 next year in my own mind and body I still feel like a youngling
550 seems like ages away
551 that is the way I feel.
552 I wouldn't go lower because my parents are 62 and I don't consider them old, I think my 70 most people feel unwell, have medical problems and feel themselves old.
553 I have 88 year old parents and they are just getting old. I work full time don't feel old and intend to work at least 5-10 more years
554 Age is a personal perception. At 72 I do not consider myself an old person. Perhaps this is because I enjoy very good health & a contented lifestyle.
555 Being older myself I would consider someone about 20 years older than me to be old
556 time to retire
557 I guess, using myself as an example, I still feel young but the body is "failing" and if it keeps this up I'll feel really old by 60
558 It's an average
559 People are living longer and are more active nowadays.
560 I would think health problems would be my main consideration. The ageing process deals heavy blows on one's health
561 Physically dependent and mentally challenged
562 because you feel older
563 because they are at the stage of being married and having kids and they have to look after the kids so they have no life
564 I getting old myself
565 It's retirement age, and you associate retirement with old people.
566 retire
567 That's middle age
568 Things changed in life I think you start getting old after 90
569 Over retirement age
570 After 50 years the body starts to show signs of wear and tear, by 55 years it's obvious in most people it's the start of decline!
571 Because my mum and her friends are in their 70s and still mentally and physically active
572 you are getting old around 70

573 When people reaches 60 years old, they can receive pension. They can retire from work. Being grandmother or grandfather. Of course, they can be young in heart. But in terms of age, they belong to "old" category.

574 because at 70 I dont think I am old but 95 seems a lot older

575 My opinion

576 your not really old until then

577 most old people i know are about 40

578 I know people at so many different ages and have learnt that age is no bearing on how people think or live in most cases.

579 Generally speaking, you're as old as you feel. Most of the time once people reach their 70s they start to show signs of fragility.

580 lived over half your life

581 due to our aging population, i think old is considered as 70, as 78 is the avergae age.

582 most people these days live longer

583 you can still have heaps of fun. it all depends on your attitude!

584 past half a century

585 N/A

586 because that is when i started thinking that my parents were getting old

587 Approximately my parents age.

588 Because I am 71 and 75 is usual time to stop driving, also I am in good health I run a household of seven people ,so a lot depends on the person. I know people who are old at 60

589 Because if one looks after his/her health well & keeo busy in body & mind, 90 years can be very exciting for anyone. This is the time to have more time to read, enjoy going around with friends, family without any other cares in the world.

590 has to be older than me. people are living longer. the first figure that came into my mind. people only as old as they feel.

591 Time to buy a house, have kinds. Responsibilities start to grow

592 We are staying younger longer. I am 56 but do not look or feel this age. My parents generation would have been old at 56!

593 Age is relative to how old you feel.

594 Because todays advance in medical field makes one enjoy a prolonged life style till mid 70s before one starts to feel old.

595 most people are still very active at that age

596 mid-life, achieved goals

597 Becuase the 40's in the new 30's

598 Not sure

599 People today are enhancing their looks and most are trying to eat healthier and keep fitter to keep age at bay.

600 I suspect that is about when someone would not be able to do all the things they wanted (within reason) without too much effort or risk.

601 So long as they can think properly

602 Its middle age

603 Its over the hill

604 You can be "old" at any age, it's all a matter of your outlook on life. I know people in their 50s who are "old"

605 because they are no longer working and retired

606 Young - up to 39 Middle Aged 40 - 69 Old 70 and upwards is my opinion of the ageing graph. But then when I reach 70 I won't feel old unless I have lost the ability to think and be active.

607 Most people have an ability to contribute to this age as well as any younger person

608 I think you are as old as you feel. If you continue to be active your whole life you will look and feel younger.

609 It's often an age people retire by.

610 Some people get older quicker than others. It depends on the environment they are living in. People who are active tend to get older later than those who are not.

611 Because I'm nearly 30

612 You are only as old as you feel!!

613 In today's world we have good health care we remain active much longer. Some are old at 40 and some at 90 are still working. So guess it comes down to the genes you are blessed with!!

614 When I was younger, I thought anyone over 18 was "old", but now as I'm getting older myself, and my parents are in their 60's and fighting fit and strong, I think the number has crept up to around the age of 70.

615 close to retirement

616 retirement age. I would more call them aging

617 When someone gets to this age they begin to slow down. They begin to dress in older people's clothes, look older and behave older.

618 Age is a matter of mind over matter if you don't mind it doesn't matter. These days people enjoy life into their old age my sister at 85 still plays golf twice a week. Sickness is the only thing that stops a lot of people. The old adage of use it or lose it rings true

619 That's about the age most people start to slow down

620 Because I'm nearly there and I feel it. All I can think about is retiring.

621 Because I am 69 and do not consider myself old at present

622 That is retirement age

623 Because it's half a century

624 Because by then they would have hit their mid life area.

625 Times have changed, we are getting married later

626 5 years after retirement age

627 They generally have more grey hair than normal hair, they start forgetting things more, driving ability decreases

628 A person can be old at 55 in their mind set. I aim to be young at 80. Well looks are another thing 70 would pull most of us up as being old. Most 80 year old I would consider as old because of looks and mind set and mobility.

629 when people start retiring I'd say they start to live the relaxed life of older people, and with 60 it's quite likely to become a grandma or grandpa

630 retirement age and it is when people sort of give up and rest

631 People are living longer these days and everyone I know over the age of 75 is still healthy and happy

632 Many people that I know are still vigorous and very capable up to that age. It seems that capacity and vigour decline from 80 on wards.

633 past working age

634 because at my age of 70 I don't feel that I'm old

635 because there is when the brain starts to deteriorate?

636 because thats my age and i'm feeling old today

637 The older I get the further out the age I see as old gets

638 as you get older age becomes a state of mind

639 I think that as I get older, the age that I would consider someone as "old" gets greater. I class someone as getting old when they are physically starting to slow down. Forty is the new thirty

640 retirement i suppose

641 I dont know

642 You start to think about retirement and slow down

643 because individuals are all different some people are still holding down a job at the age of seventy five and even older

644 because i am 54 and do not feel old yet

645 by then they have begun to physically slow down

646 Its around retirement age. For a reason. The body & mind ages and responses and actions are not as good or quick. Therefore making you impaired.

647 it is retirement age

648 a good age, mind you there are still 80 year olds around that are fantastic.

649 i just dont think a 50 years old person is old,or even 59,beacuse its still 50!but 60 means old to me!i dont know really why!maybe beacuse i know some people in age 50 and more but beafore 60 and i dont feel they are old,but when my granparents got 60 i thought they are old!

650 Because up to that age most people do not have to curb their lifestyle too much (provided they are well of course).

651 I'd say till about that age you still have a lot to give

652 It is around this age mainly when people are losing their abilities to move and think as they did when younger

653 Most would consider "age" a state of the miond!

654 because my mum is 53 and she's starting to get old... forgetting things, losing eyesight!

655 to me 70 is old as physically and mentally people seem old at this age.

656 They become physically frail in many cases

657 This depends on the health of the person but by 90 most people are slowing down

658 i just think that is old

659 Because generally people are living longer nowadays.

660 because beyon dthat you cant hide yr age

661 Normal retirement age, most likely to get grandparents by this time

662 because people start to slow down much more at around this age and dont have the stamina or strength of people younger than this. Memory can also start to be a problem

663 i'm approaching that age nd beginning to feel aged

664 since i am 73 myself

665 most people die before this
666 Am still physically fit and mentally alert
667 Because it's about the average age for men when they die.
668 not a teenager anymore
669 retiring age and the body has all ready started to get worn out by then, for females the reproduction system has finished. and in my opinon i think the percentage of people who die before that age is greater than the ones that live longer
670 I have stated 80 merely to put in an age in this box. Being old is not age related. If you have a an active mind and take interest in a broad range of topics, your not old. If you are fairly active, your not old. If your health allows you to take part in life, you are not old.
671 It's well past the point of retirement, and my folks have remained very active well into their 60's.
672 Well I see that 50 is the new forty so therefore 80 must be the new seventy and I don't feel old
673 NO IDEA
674 Parents are in their 70's and are not old - living life to the max.
675 People beyond that age tend to slow down faster and struggle to deal with more physical problems that develop. Below that age there are more and more people that, if they've looked after themselves and kept active, they seem to be more sprightly.
676 Based on my personal experience and observation on other persons, apound that age physical deterioration most of the times start
677 Age is irrelevant really. Activity is more importnt.
678 retirement age
679 Because I am 65 still working full time, still as active as I was Ten years ago and still planning for the future. I don't think I am young for my age, I think tis is what a 65 year old should be like if one has taken care of oneself.
680 Thats the age when they probably give up driving and general independence
681 mmm
682 Because most people these days seem to look after themslves well nad keep active more.
683 because that's a very distant age for me at the moment
684 30 & 40 are just like being in your 20s if the celbs are anythng to go by e.g
Madona
685 I am 51 and still feel young. 60 is the new 40
686 cause its half way to a hundred
687 because of their attitude and behaviour
688 At 65 my grandchildren think I am old but I do not feel old yet, another 10 years might make the difference.
689 Because my parents are in their 50s and I don't see them as old.
690 because they are old!
691 I am very fit and healthy and quick minded and have no intention of getting old. My family has longevity on its side with several relatives living beyond the 90's. Which I intend to do.
692 many of my active friends are in their eighties
693 because I'm getting there Actually, I think "old" is a state of mind.

694 70 sounds old
695 Seems like a good benchmark
696 Many of those in their 70s say the 50s are the best years of your life provided you have good health and eat well. After that it's a slow downward descent.
697 I just think this is the age
698 Because I do not consider myself old yet
699 As that's when I've noticed people start to get wrinkly, can't drive anymore due to health reasons and other health problems getting worse.
700 Because the older you get, "older" also rises! There's still a lot of living to be done!
701 Because, people generally live for much longer than they used to and, having worked with many older people, I have found that most of them are still fit and active and much to offer.
702 People are much more active now compared to our grandparents day
703 just seems 60 would be a good time to retire
704 I've watched friends get all the aches and pains at that age.
705 Because nowadays more people are travelling more and doing more things than they were years ago
706 People tend to look at physical appearance and judge on that. I believe life stems from our internal health and wellbeing - from our emotional state and the well-ness of our soul and human spirit. When you are healthy, happy and enjoying life from the inside - you tend to live as well on the outside - and the truth is it doesn't matter about your physical age. I have seen people in their 70's who could out-dance people in their teens and 20's. It's great to be alive!
707 reaching the expecting life of a person
708 old is once you get past retirement age
709 The people I have seen and considered old all have been in that age group, but one is only as old they want to be.
710 I think I will feel old when I am 45
711 At 68 old is when you lose physical or mental ability
712 I don't really think you can put a limit on old age as some are old and show it at 60 while some are still young and with it at 90. So old age is relative.
713 age is only a number and it all depends on the person themselves both mentally and their mobility
714 I know a few people in their seventies who don't seem old at all
715 I spend a lot of time with elderly people and I don't really see "old" as age related. Old is a state of mind.....
716 I feel that the last 10 years of your life would be old
717 downhill slide they say
718 because that is usually when people retire and your health starts acting up
719 Because I'm coming up to 70 and I don't feel old at all and I still dress young,
720 the age of really slowing up.
721 65 is retirement age but not necessarily old. SO I would say 75
722 You can be old at 20 and young at 80 but working in the aged industry I would say from 80 on people start feeling old

723 not many people would hire you for a job and your ache's and pain becomes more frequent ..

724 Because although some people start to show signs of ageing before they reach 70, the majority of people don't seem to be too affected by their age until biology catches up to them, and it seems to be around the 70 mark, give or take a few years.

725 you start to lose your indepenence, your drivers licence, your memory and probably have to go into a home.

726 You are as old as you feel

727 I know many active and vital people who are well into their seventies

728 Because at 71 I am starting to slow up and feeling old as people younger than me are dieing around me

729 im almost that and i feel old

730 Thats when my mum and dad died

731 They're starting to slow down at that age..

732 depending on health and way of life most people are much healthier and fitter than several years ago, with medicine and knowledge, people are more aware,

733 It really depends o the attitude of the person, how they view life,I think there are many people who do not view themselves as old and they are nearly 80

734 The body functionality at this age is decreased significantly

735 You are as old as you feel but I think that around the age of 80 one begins to slow down and take it easy.

736 no particular reason

737 these days people seem to keep themselves alot more active

738 it seems to be the age where you start deteriorating more rapidly and look older because of grey hair and wrinkly skin

739 age is realitave its how you feel

740 because they are retired and I am already 46

741 Because I know many people younger than that age who I do not consider old.

742 i know people in their 60's who i dont thinl of as old

743 They have slaowd down and begin to feel limited

744 It is 11 years older than I am now

745 seems old

746 cos thats how old i am and today i feel old everything is an effort

747 I have aunt's who are still in their 70's and are very young for their age. However, once my grandma turned 80 she started to get health problems associated with being 'old.'

748 A lot of people nowadays are more health conscios and are exercising more, making them appear a lot ore youthful than their numerical age.

749 almost retirement age

750 Because that is when I believe that life stops and the down hill spiral to a slow, boring demise begins

751 Typical life expectancy now for men

752 People are healthier these days so "old" relates more to years than condition

753 pepole tend to slow down at that age, career wise etc

754 i work in aged care and most people once they get to this age, need alot of care

755 don't know

756 being in your 90's pretty much exceeds the average life span according to stats so if I had to pick an age, I'd say in the 90's

757 I think people are ageing alot older now

758 because its so old that not a lot of people can reach that age nowadays

759 Most of us are healthier and fitter than in years past. So I add 10 years to "four score years and ten"

760 Because I'm 50 and don't feel old yet

761 the only part of being old is that your body wears out. Your mind,if you are lucky enough to keep, keeps yo young

762 You are old as you feel

763 Becoz I am nearly 75 and don't feel old. I have all my faculties and can do most things I want to do. I have friends in their 80's who are with it in all ways, both physically abd mentally and feel that I will continue the way I am for may more years.

764 because most people are getting physically tired at that age

765 because under 20 seems young

766 Not as fit as a young person

767 By that time I think you realy start to slow down

768 As the saying goes, you are as old as you feel. These days people just do not sit back to age, they have better lifestyle and eating habits, more interests and better medical help, which all contribute to longer life .

769 because you've finished work, kids are grown up and you have the ability to retire. You generally have no real responsibilities.

770 Because I am 67 and don't feel old, but my brother-in-law has just turned 75 and he is feeling old!

771 Old is only a age we have in our mind some people are old at 50 others not till 90 so old is a state of mind,my mother in law is about yo turn 101 and was not old till 93.

772 I am a young 78 year young

773 Because life expectancy is increasing & i'm 67, very active & expect to be so for some time yet.

774 because as i have gotten older i realise age is a state of mind

775 because I have an extremely active and positive thinking Mum in England who is 87 and still rides her cycle everywhere and travels incessantly - I make her a role model!

776 Because I am 66 and still participating weekly in tennis, aerobics, weights and bands and feel I have many years to continue. I have friends who are now 70 and I do not consider them to be elderly.

777 just do

778 some people are old at 30, but I'm 75 and still young.I have a friend of 85 and she is still "young"

779 They have built their lives around work , family, career,and i think it's time this age group enjoy their retirement, freedom, having time to themselves. and there are more jobs availble for the younger generation

780 I play bowls with plenty of 80 year olds and they are quite fit.

781 Depends on what I feel like. Depends if I get sick of something

782 Age is only a number, you are only limited in completion of tasks by your present physical and mental ability.

783 It depends on how old I am and how I feel at the time. If I feel tired and lack energy then "old" is my current age. If I feel strong and energetic then "old" is a long time away.

784 People are more active later in life than they used to be.

785 because i don't feel old yet and i work with people that are 63 and they don't seem old

786 I consider retiree which is at aged of 65 in average as old people.

787 to recieve the old age pension

788 the older you get the further away old becomes ask me again when I am 80 (hopefully)

789 i'm 72 and still don't feel anywhere near that, i believe each generation is staying younger for longer.

790 I am 75 and don't feel that I am old yet. Most people would regard over 70 being old.

791 We are living longer and healthier lives and the new 50 is about 30.

792 well although my health has not been the best in the last few years, I still dont think of myself as old

793 Up to the age of 80 people are generally still active with few health problems

794 My dad just turned 80

795 Because people in their 60's are still able bodies and able to enjoy life if they are in good health. Even n70 is not that old if you have good health

796 that just seems old to me

797 i feel old!

798 by then the body has started to deteriorate and capacity is limited in most cases.

799 Because that is the age my parents reached before they passed away

800 It is the age deemed by the Government that you are a senior

801 I'm 66 and I still lead an active life.

802 In general people are aging much more slowly than years ago and seem to have a younger outlook. In fact some people might think this age is not old ,

803 you are old.

804 Past retirement age

805 just how i feel

806 because of how they look and tire

807 in todays society people remain active longer

808 I would consider myself old at 45.

809 My dad is approaching 70 and I don't classify him old as yet.

810 65 is pretty much a retirement age for both men and women....

811 close to retirement i guess

812 I know many people in their sixties who are very fit, active and working.

813 I would consider retirement age old

814 past retirement age so if your to old to work & able to get the pension that means you must be old

815 because my father is 76 and he looks ok

816 because they are old

817 able to retire, so out of the workforce

818 i have a friend in who's in his late 70's and i certainly don't consider him to be old. i think 'old' is a frame of mind. i chose 90 because i think the physical ravages of age become unavoidable at that point.

819 It's more than 30 years older than myself.

820 thats when you would start to field old

821 because retiring age

822 I have said this number as it is 5 years past retiring age

823 start to slow down

824 they wrinkeld

825 becasue it is very rare to get to 80 years old

826 Because,body does not go with the mind at that age which is always young

827 as they will get some health problems and others so their capability will reduce so I think that age

828 'you're are as old as you feel' An active life, enjoyment/happiness & good health are all important for longevity. Some of my friends say 'im old' at age26or30... which i feel is ridiculous, but if they feel old, who am i to tell them otherwise :)

829 people take longer to age these days because of medical breakthroughs and exercise diet etc,

830 people are looking after themselves more so age is nothing and you shouldnt let that stop you doing anything

831 Once people have reached their seventies they are close to reaching the average life span for men

832 How they look, how they move.

833 getting more fragile

834 60 is old

835 becasue

836 retirement age

837 because thats when they retire

838 At this age most people would have a stable career, family (and children) and mature thuoghts.

839 because i think you would maybe start to feel a bit old by this age

840 The person can be old in 20 years old and not be old in 80. It is about how you feel. But I think in 80 is physically you can look like old.

841 they have pretty much lived half of their life or more.

842 The older I get, I don't feel old

843 pension and retirement age

844 People still work till 60, 65 years. People can still be quite active, and fit up till this age.

845 because that is the age that my parents are around.

846 because now that I am 47 50 or 60 no longer seems old. Also I think that nowadays people don't look their age.

847 because it's the age where most people retired.

848 no yreason

849 Because by then it will be harder to stay fit and active

850 Coz if you are younger than 80 then you are still young. Old I think begins at 80

851 nice round figure... good to reach a century!!!

852 generally, tend to be more immobile by that age???

853 That's when the body really starts to no longer function as it should.

854 that's when your body starts to deteriorate

855 Obvious side effects have started to set in by then generally even if you have looked after yourself.

856 they are close to retiring

857 NEARLY FIFTY. NEARLY RETIRE

858 people are living longer, 50 no longer seems old

859 because it is the beginning of the end

860 As the person retires and needs health support

861 My mum is nearly 80 and i dont call her old

862 old is state of mind. The body fails but some people keep active mentally and usually have the attitude to keep themselves physically capable

863 BECAUSE I THINK PEOPLE ARE ACTING YOUNGER THESE DAYS

864 I know a lot of older people than myself and at mid sixties they are still very young at heart and very mobile and full of life but I have noticed once you reach mid 70's people tend to slow down some what

865 because any younger they still can do stuff, when they reach that age, they really start to slow down

866 because that when you start looking old

867 because they are past their prime

868 Experience

869 cause im 54 now and im not old..lol

870 body starts to deteriorate, people die of old age

871 it is old!

872 getting close to retirement age

873 seems the right age

874 Because each generation is acting younger the older they get

875 as you can live a very active life until that age

876 because it is older than me and anyone of my friends

877 dress code

878 Once you pass your mid 30's you enter a different stage of your life and cant keep up with the younger generation anymore.

879 Older than my parents

880 I know a few people in their 70's and they are still spring chickens

881 i think so they got all the experience of life.

882 Old enough to be my parent

883 No matter how old you are, the ones much older than you are the oldies!!

884 Because my Grandma's 70 and she's still hot and went clubbing with us the other day.

885 parents are both in their 70's and i don't think they are old!

886 retirement age

887 i think until 50 your not old

888 you live longer

889 pension and retirement

890 Its when you start to end your working career and take it easy.

891 APIA offer insurance for over 55 year olds and people begin to think about retirement about this age
892 Because longevity is increasing every year and people remaining healthy
893 Start having to make significant changes to lifestyle, especially travel.
894 Just by their appearance
895 Almost the age to retire, and possibly have grandchildren at that age.
896 Just know some people at work that are getting short of that number who i dont consider old
897 ?
898 because I have felt old since then
899 Its retirement age.
900 i think they look a lot older by then and perhaps start to experience more medical or physical problems
901 Because your as old as you feel its when you start getting to that age you body starts to feel old
902 i think old age start 50 +
903 no idea
904 because age does not matter its how young at heart you are
905 no reason
906 At that age, they are starting to think about retiring and also by then, their bodies will have started to deteriorate in some way - eye sight, arthritis, sore joints etc
907 Well people live longer these in this day and age, and I note that people in the 60-70 age bracket seem to be very active these days
908 That what i consider as old
909 unsure always thought of that age as being old
910 My parents are 56 ish, and I wouldn't say they were old. I would say pension age is old
911 there is no age that is old, you are old if you think you are.
912 I believe that's the age you begin to look embarassing when you continue to act like a younger person
913 it is retirement age a time to slow down
914 nil
915 You are never too old its how you feel within yourself.....
916 because i would consider myself old at that age
917 retirement
918 things stop working around then
919 Health problem seem to really set in at that age and you are thinking about retirement
920 We are keeping younger and younger and at 44 , 40 is not old anymore!!!!
921 That is my parents age
922 Retirement age
923 It's at retirement age
924 I feel that people of 55+ started to act older and become less involved in life.
925 dunno
926 people are living longer, having children later, so it seems people are waiting more years until they are considered "old"

927 Not as energetic, not as ambitious, not as interested in trying out new things
928 Because I think the term 'old' is relative. I think of it as being when someone starts actively thinking about retirement
929 They have hit the four score years and ten.
930 Most of the ideas will be same. same generation.be interesting, more friendly.
931 grey hair
932 COS AT THAT STAGE IF U HAVENT GOT UR LIFE TOGETHER, U NEVA WILL
933 because at that age, people are being weak
934 It really does depend on the person. I wouldn't consider someone who is young at heart, healthy and mentally sharp to be old.
935 Not sure, i guess my neighbour is at that age and she looks old!
936 cause thats farking old, hurry up and die grandpa
937 I used to say 40 when I was a kid and as I get older it goes up! Dunno, just 70 sounds old and most men croak it late 70's don't they?
938 energy level will be reduced down and person at that age will get tired of any work related activities very soon
939 society
940 Ones you pace halph a century then i consider you as old.
941 Just about everyone I know that is younger than that is too active to be considered old.
942 That's the age my parents are and it seems to be the milestone of the 'golden years'
943 A bit too old to have kids, go to a rock concert and chase young men
944 I guess it is in line the retirement age.
945 Retirement age
946 they're not "young" anymore, they're also out of touch with the younger generation
947 in that age u can,t work properly
948 i believe 50 as the main half your life and i givd the extra 3 years as a average depending on the persons lifestyle
949 Because when you're 30 you look old and you start to get wrinkles and start to lose your flexibility.
950 Because I think it is when you start focusing on retirement
951 people are living longer lives and staying more active into their later years
952 no reason
953 cause they stop being cool and start being old
954 um cos i am 28 now and i used to think that was old so ive moved the range furthe into the 30's
955 pass the 50 mark
956 as they look old and they are start to slow down and my mother and grandmar are older than that
957 From experience watching physical and mental deterioration
958 i think it
959 Thats when people get close to retirement
960 Because a lot of plle at 70 are old.
961 as every govt considers that age as senior.

962 Retirement age
963 Traditionally when most people would retire
964 Not sure. Until i actually reach 30 then i probably wont think its old
965 people who are married generally have children by that age
966 Because my parents are in their 60's and I do not see them as being old.
967 its time to have a rest and discover the beautiful journey of life
968 Not young anymore
969 You'll find at that age ie at retirement, the mind tends to have slow down quite a bit. It's probably because the mind is not as active as when working. That said, it's also highly dependant on the type of job that you do and how active a role you play. I notice that people who have retired for a year or two tend to be slower mentally and physically.
970 retired
971 because until then, i think they have all the drive and energy needed to do whatever they want in life. around 50, u'll have ur first grandchild and then ur deemed old!
972 late thirties is considered old in my opinion
973 just they are oold :)
974 there are any number of people in their 70's who are still quite young, although i do beleive it all has to do with attitude, as opposed to actual age.
975 big life transition- taking more responsibilities in life
976 Usually people are retired by this age
977 it's common retirement age
978 tha is the age when health risks seem to go up considerably
979 less mobility
980 A person's ability to physically function normally starts to deteriorate more rapidly.
981 Seems like they're no longer young
982 n/a
983 Retirement age almost
984 Mid life
985 seems the age that everyone says that they are "old", but i imagine that when i reach my forties i'll say that 65 is the age of an old person
986 Because some people still have young children at this age
987 they become more unuseful
988 physically and mentally slower than normal/
989 because i am getting closer to that age and i feel that the closer i get to that age that i would consider it to be old.
990 retirement
991 Retirement age
992 if you lived till 80 your doing pretty well
993 getting to end of life
994 It all depends on the individual person. I know people who are 30 but are "Old". I say 60, because that's towards the end of the designated work life, you are probably not so active and getting ready for retirement,
995 It is half a century
996 Because that is the age I view as the latest to start a family.

997 People at varying ages have various levels of abilities and can do certain types of activities. When your health goes and your mind starts to decrease and your level of activities that you can perform decrease your getting older or aging.

998 -

999 because 20 - 29 years old is too young to said old and also when people age coming to 30 years old, they will know how to many themselves such as they have family, work and many more

1000 I think people of this age are starting to show more aging characteristics and are starting to change and look more elderly than middle aged

1001 It is half a century and you are generally starting to think about retirement

1002 after 65 years man is not able to work so more

1003 50 reminds me of retirement age eg those "over 55" ads

1004 Nice round number. 60 is too young and most men don't live until 80.

1005 I don't really think it's an age thing, some people are 'old' at 50 and others can be still young in their 90s

1006 because most people retire when they are 60

Total sample; Unweighted; base n = 1006

Why say that ELDERLY

Q2A - Why do you say that?

Text Q2A - Why do you say that?

1 look

2 coz my Dad is elderly and he is 70

3 coz its another 10 years after you retire

4 because thats when they cannot do a lot of things on there own and need assistance due to falls and frailness, medication etc..

5 Because that's my opinion

6 Maybe beginning to slow down a bit

7 just taking a pick

8 The bodys weaker

9 because that is 4 decades

10 by that age a person has passed the average life span

11 Because around that age they tend to be a little less mobile

12 retiring

13 because your near retierment age

14 do not know

15 tell tale signs of old age generally show around the 80 mark

16 Many of the people I know aged between 70 and 80 are definitely showing signs of age such as wrinkled skin and a limping gait while still being active and generally healthy

17 think elderly implies more than just being old

18 been around for a long time getting a bit muddled and slower moving

19 no reason

20 problems with health

21 other circumstances can play a part in the aging process such as illness and these are more prevalnet in this age group

22 I think by 80 you are really slowly down, and usually have health problems

23 I'm coming close

24 My grandparents are in their 70s and I consider them to be elderly.

25 older than me

26 because you are usually a grand parent by then and i think thats elderly

27 body system

28 that is when you cant work anymore

29 my popinion

30 I think it just distinguishes between the ages. I still prefer the term "older person"

31 retirement

32 After retirement age

33 Usually by 75 you are having trouble getting around on your own.Elderly is not old.

34 Just my observation

35 not many people live to be 85...

36 Perhaps at that age they might need a bit of help.

37 a lot of people start to go in nursing homes

38 People in their 70's are old these days but majority of them aren't elderly and are quite spritely!

39 Retirement age
40 because i believe they are elderly at that age
41 needs extra care and attention
42 You probably feel a little old.
43 elderly to me means quite old, frail etc
44 no reason
45 we are led to believe that by society
46 80 is starting to get a little old
47 Because this is the age when people start to have health issues
48 just my opinion
49 because 70 is way past the retirement age and one does feel to have gathered the
life experience by then to be classified as elderly.
50 slowing down
51 Once they are on a seniors pension I think that they are in the elderly bracket but
not old
52 because that's what I think
53 because my Mum and dad are that old
54 They just seem elderly
55 Start to need to consider being looked after.
56 not sure
57 past retirement age and has less interest in worldly affairs
58 That is my mum's age and I consider her elderly.
59 um cause there usually on walkin frames or sticks or them motorized scooters
60 older than 70
61 the same as the previous answer
62 become frail
63 Some people in there 70 upwards are really old for their age and also on whether
they are a sick person or not as they look older
64 it's a nice round number where bones begin to weaken
65 Same as previous answer
66 age catches up with one
67 because anyone over 60 is elderly but 55 is just not old enough.
68 They have been around for a while and have a lot of experience.
69 old
70 By the time I get to this age, I believe I would be elderly. Not as much stamina
and ready to slow down my activities
71 because parents are that age.
72 I'm starting to feel my age at 64.
73 5 years to reach from old to elderly I think it's fair
74 They are quite active but start to slow down at that age
75 it's when you start to have problems walking etc
76 Health problems normally appear
77 Most people's bodies become frailer at this age and I would associate this with
being elderly
78 no mobility
79 To me, elderly means somewhat less than old

80 Previous pension age
81 people think younger these days
82 FROM 90 - ELDERLY
83 As people of today are working until a lot older most until at least 70+
84 Easing into slower life
85 because you are lucky to make it
86 Because people look more frail at this age.
87 coz they are
88 they are great granparent.
89 because it is close to eighty
90 Because you are getting close to the teleram from the queen
91 Because it isn't that much different to someone who is old.
92 physical features at that age are recognisable.
93 getting close to 70
94 not sure
95 i think thats fair
96 beenthere but not quite at repeat age
97 health problems
98 because it is
99 There are many older people at 90 living active healthy lives thanks to our
enlighten age.
100 You're only as old as you feel...
101 Same reasons as previous
102 Its more about how they look
103 because that is what society call old age
104 is about age of retirement
105 possible because they are close to retirement age and it seems to be a community
thing
106 Reasonable
107 They'd already have grand-children, and their kids would probably around 40 or
50
108 they have settled down and probably have kids
109 you start slowing down
110 its the next level of agedness
111 Pension age
112 you asked, I answered
113 health and energy levels starting to fade
114 For the same reasons as I stated before.
115 answer as before
116 It is just my own personal concept of 'elderly'.
117 I think that is when they begin to get frail and weak (needing assistance)
118 an in ability to look after themselves without outside intervention
119 Because
120 ?
121 on a pension
122 As they might depend on others for day to day activities

123 It sounds nice
124 just do
125 All my grandparents are over 70 and I think they are elderly
126 it's older than 70
127 because this is when you start to get frail
128 just giving an age because it depends on each person and how they feel
129 10 years after retirement
130 Some can be elderly at 40, however once 80 is reached, health problems seem to increase and age interferes with the things one can do
131 "Old" is a state of mind, while "elderly" describes the state of your body.
132 you get an OBE [Over Bloody Eighty]
133 i think elderly is the same as being old, they have to be more care for than those younger than them
134 its a lot longer to reach that age
135 by 68 you have been through the mill as they say so you become elderly
136 Bones are more friable and muscle strength is much diminished by 80 years of age - and gravity is taking over ...
137 By then, most people are having some level of trouble getting around or maintaining a normal lifestyle.
138 that is the age where you get wrinkles
139 I think 70 is the cut off age
140 I'm 52 so 65 sounds good for being called elderly
141 its about the age where the majority of the generation starts dying
142 75 old = 80 elderly
143 Close to old
144 beginniing to show loss of senses and mobility by then
145 similar reasons as previously more health events have occured
146 Life starts to become a bit more restricted as time goes on.
147 same as my last answer
148 To me, at my age, "old" and "elderly" are the same
149 Have been there and know what it's like when the body starts deteriorating
150 Because of their age in years.
151 Elderly implies a more frail state both pyhsically and mentally. People of this age are also experiencing the deaths of their peers, and more aware of their own mortality. This can manifest - in my experience - by people mentally feeling and thinking and acting with an 'older' mindset.
152 NEXT GENERATION ON FROM OLD/40
153 Elderly and old are synonymous
154 to slow
155 People of 70 aren't really old these days but I would consider them elderly
156 retirement age
157 people are living longer
158 same reason as above question.
159 ditto
160 not a lot of people i know that have lived much past 90
161 they start becoming limited

162 Because it is
163 it's around the retirement age
164 Most start looking frail around then
165 At that stage for most of the people in that age group, i presume the "body and
mind" need a lot of medical attention.
166 They may require some help in getting around and with chores, etc.
167 Most senior concessions and discounts start when a person reaches their sixty's
168 Just the number that comes to mind.
169 Cos they are 2 old 2 no what we are talking bout.
170 I am not quite there depending on time of day
171 frail
172 They become less active
173 Because that is about the average life expectancy for many countries.
174 PAST THE AGE OF BEING ABLE TO DRIVE WITHOUT A YEARLY
LICENCE
175 they start to need help at this age
176 start to slow down retired
177 They are old
178 Around my grandparents age
179 ??
180 Again, the same reason as before.
181 thats when most people retire
182 Our society is geared that way for age pensions eligibility & the like. some look
elderly at 45yrs, others are quite sprightly at 85 yrs plus.
183 because that is when many of our faculties and ability to move is diminished
184 by the time you have reached 80 you have "done well"
185 Getting closer to 70s, now a pensioner.
186 Elderly ... i guess 70, some are more than capable in their 60's
187 Because I am 77 and still very active
188 That is old
189 Anyone who is 80's plus usually looks "elderly" with an aged body, white hair, etc.
190 at 70 they are elderly
191 because at that age they are
192 just feel like that
193 because they are slowing down then.
194 -
195 I think elderly is a nice way of saying old.
196 As above.
197 The way they look and generally their movement.
198 People are usually very dependent on others at that age and that is my sense of
being elderly - someone who needs help
199 70 is when most people are in the final years of their life.
200 These days we are living longer.
201 i know someone and he is old
202 same as before
203 frailer more likely to be in care

204 that's a age where ur still able to do things if ur in good health
205 They're then as old as my father :)
206 Because if you are fit then it does not matter how old you are
207 Things are starting to slow down.
208 they slow down and often need assistance with daily routines
209 The age my aunty is at the moment.
210 Not too sure but the ages seem to be extending
211 This is retirement age and seen as a period where there are no longer contributing
economically to society (ie. cost to maintain greater than productivity)
212 .
213 It is in between
214 Most bodies have reached their use by date at this stage even if you have looked
after yourself mentally, physically and emotionally. So by about 100 I'd say you are
elderly!
215 Because you ain't got far to go before you put the Cue back in the rack
216 by then most physical capabilities are clearly in decline
217 Slowing down.
218 Only from experience, with parents, friends parents etc 'elderly' seems to fall into
this age group of becoming more dependent on family/friends - more prone to looking for
alternative care options
219 by that time you are a bit "dignified"
220 Because some people are quite active and able at 70, and I attach the trait "frail"
to "elderly".
221 Late eighties is now elderly, whereas twenty years ago late seventies was elderly.
222 because 3 score and ten is good enough
223 By 80 people are starting to lose their ability to move about and do the things they
want to do
224 They are old age pensioners
225 because its over pension age
226 As this age is when some people need assistance.
227 six decades on Earth wears one out!
228 most by 90 are frail so are elderly
229 you ahve usually been retired 5 years and your health is still fairly good.
230 My parents
231 That's the age when things start slowing.
232 I have just given my reasons and unless you are unable to do some things if you
keep your mind active age is not a barrier
233 same as before
234 age is a state of mind
235 Most people have health problems developing by then
236 Some 70 year olds are getting disabilities and are not quick on their feet any more.
237 it depends on their health but usually this fails about 80
238 its all relative but possibly because they are usually retired or on the pension by
then and health problems are really kicking in
239 its about nursing home age, they need help being looked after (although not all
these days.)

240 prior to this most people are still working and are not looked upon as elderly
241 you would expect to be a bit frail by then
242 i think they are very funny
243 no reason
244 Thats when you are due to retire
245 Just a gut feel
246 Health problems become an increasing issue
247 they need more care
248 the same as the previous answer but also as I am getting older my idea of being
old is changing
249 That's when most people are starting to slow up.
250 old = elderly
251 Not looking forward to the aches and pains
252 because people in their late seventies are the sixties of 50 years ago
253 when someone reach that age and above it might not care about other things
excepts their wants more than understand what the situation is about.
254 but it depends on the person
255 Because my dad is 53 and he doesn't act old but say he will be old at 60
256 Youi are as young as you feel, and older as you feel.The age is irrelevant
257 dont know but it just sounds right
258 Elderly people normally are disadvantaged in some way. For example, they may
have a slight hearing problem. Most people start to develop these issues at around the age
of 70.
259 level of agility may decline and this is the age when neuro difficulties emerge -
loss of memory and mobility.
260 visible signs of real degradation
261 WHEN THEY FIND IT HARD TO GET AROUND
262 Nature is taking its course by this age.
263 The keep telling you about things in my day
264 Older than my father
265 Slowing a little but not aged
266 at that age they are recieving some care in the home or in a retirement village
267 At the moment I think 80 is elderly
268 probably, by appearance/mobility
269 retirement age
270 Need assistance
271 Usually appearance starts to deteriorate by then-
272 that is when your body starts to break down (arthritis dementure)
273 No particular reason! I guess it has to be older than old!
274 hard to do some thing s after that age
275 That's VERY old :)
276 people are abit fragil by then
277 Slow down, generation gap, health issues
278 because it is the pension age
279 I think that 90 is a fantastic age to get too

280 Again it depends on the person, mentally and physically. Some appear elderly at
70.

281 Many 70 year old people need help.

282 Just like my grandpa

283 At 70 you look old and take medication, takes you longer to do things and often
live in a retirement village with other old people and mixing with old people and talking
of your ailments makes you very old or ancient. Nothing wrong with ancient as they are
wise people as long as they can remember.

284 time in life when they are gettiing old and alot wiser than us younger people

285 Thats whay I think is elderly [retirement age].

286 mo

287 because elderly people are frail and slow

288 average life span i think 72/78 at best

289 same

290 People over 60 are perceived by younger generations as old. You have to work
harder at appearing young and keeping fit. Also medical problems can start to be an issue.

291 not sure

292 50 is over the hill but not eldely

293 Elderly is slightly different from being old. I believe it is more a comparative
word used to define a particular group within a group. I think it has a little more "status"
than old [perhaps the idea of wisdom]

294 that's when people seem to slow down a bit more

295 More assistance may be required in general life

296 dont know

297 Well, they're no Spring Chicken.

298 Same reasons as given previously.

299 80 just seems like the age of being old

300 I imagine people with wrinkles and maybe having walking sticks

301 They are in the latter quarter of their life

302 closer to death, physical appearance is diminishing as is physical strength etc;
generally speaking.

303 When most of the time, people start to be infirm.

304 they are just old, but they can still be cool

305 they dont work

306 they are wrinkled

307 as per previous answer

308 I think when faculties etc start to deteriorate is when you become elderly. Its a
state of mind I guess.

309 the second group of people i described previously is what i consider elderly

310 they are frail at this age

311 At 80 i see most people not very interested in hobbies or most entertaining past
times

312 You can be elderly but not old I'd say 70 is elderly because it's past retirement age
and again it comes down to attitude.

313 Because that is when alot of people become grandparents

314 body would be restricted by ailments

315 not able to work by themselves
316 Same as previous
317 my impression
318 just seem really old, but they can still be cool
319 start looking old
320 none
321 elderly implies a bit more of an active lifestyle.
322 not many reach it
323 not real sure why
324 just feeling
325 Because most people have retired by then.
326 Once again I believe age is just a matter of the mind.
327 because they get really frail and cant do many things for them selfs
328 grandparents are elderly.
329 what is elderly ? I see people in there eighties who hate being called elderly and I see people in their seventies who haven't looked after themselves who call themselves elderly. so the lesson for me is to lookafter myself
330 RETIREMNET AGE? ALSO IT SHOULD BE YOUR TIME TO RELAX AND TAKE IT EASY
331 Life is a bit harder by this age
332 this is what i tyhink this is what i think
333 At 80 years of age a person is not likely to be still in the workforce and would have dimishing interests/mobility. It is hard to gauge however as "elderly" again depends on the individual. Some-one could be classified as "elderly" at 50 and another not "elderly" at 70 due to a positive outlook.
334 because they are frail at that ade and are realy rinky generally
335 They become less self sufficient
336 I am close to 60 and do not consider myself elderly
337 its just my view
338 Because people that age have usually gone into retirement
339 because thats when the deep wrinkles set in and they shrink.
340 they are usually retired
341 a lot can happen physically between 80 and 85
342 because that is really old
343 I don't really know why - it was the age of my grandmother when I started to think of her as being too old to do some things ...
344 70 is an age to be respected, as are elders
345 Because they don't do much anymore and they are looking a bit decrepit.
346 It is around retirement age.
347 Because they are old.
348 because I think that
349 cuz its old
350 more likely to be frail, more health problems
351 i consider elderly older than old
352 Because that's when you might have trouble with mobility and functioning physically.

353 To me elderly means unable to do as much as you would like and being restricted
by your body and gradually your mind
354 i think its just a term elderly
355 Only if your meaning of elderly refers to years of wealth and knowledge and the
person should be shown RESPECT.
356 they have wrinkles
357 retirement age
358 about the age people frequently need medical help / aids to help them
359 retirement age
360 they can't do anything
361 I know some very sprightly ladies around that age but they are aged
362 dont know
363 no reason
364 because I'm 59
365 Same as before
366 Same as for 'old'
367 older than 75
368 really atate of mind, as long as they are phisically ok
369 Same reason as in prior answer
370 I think of the term "old" as a bit more of a throw away term e.g. "that old bat",
"my bitter old Mother-in-law". I consider the term "elderly" to be a more polite but
seriously used word e.g. "my elderly parents". For this reason I think late 60's such as 68
would be elderly as most people have retired and are physically a lot less able.
371 start to be teneger
372 I don't consider myself elderly at 59
373 because most people who live that long are starting to slow down
374 family
375 Body very fragile
376 I see my friends as being fully involved in enjoying active lives. Equally, I see
others who are "old" at 60. I believe we gravitate to those with similar ideals to our own.
377 Depends on the person
378 ???
379 cause my mum is 59 and she has not slowed down one bit
380 I know some follks who have attained that great age and they look and act no
older than many 60 yrs olds
381 85 years of age seems to be when the body starts to slow..and at that age they
have earned the respect of the lable "elderly" as oposed to being called old
382 That is how old the elderly people are in my church
383 70 was once your life expectancy now it is possible to be fairly active at this age =
elderly but not old .. based on averages only
384 ummm
385 too frail
386 i dont know
387 usually at this age, the elderly need help walking
388 Roughly one's life expectancy.

389 because by this age the mind and body don't work so well and you are entitled to benefits as a senior...by this age most people would only have around 10 to 15 years to live.

390 because at that age people are really restricted on what they can do because of health reasons

391 by this age you have live over 3/4 of your life

392 Generally people of this age are frail and require assistance.

393 I think this age reflects the point at which we need to offer greater care to these people.

394 Not sure why

395 That's how old my nan and pop are

396 physiological reasons

397 Already retired

398 because thats when they start having problems with their health and sometimes with walking and their eyesight

399 dont know

400 The bodies start getting more 'brittle?',slowing down,etc...not everyone though!

401 because my great nanna is 85 and shes classed as elderly

402 This is an age that people's health begins to noticibly deteriorate in many ways to a point where they find it difficult to look after themselves for day to day tasks.

403 then there to old

404 because 70 is not old!!

405 elderly sounds like they are getting on a bit

406 5 years pension experience plus health would be deteriorating - generally

407 I just think that

408 just when the body starts to physically deteriate

409 Its the same as being old.

410 This is when your body starts to have problems.

411 same as above

412 Well thats when there health starts to fail ,well it does in our family with my uncle

413 geriatric age

414 people are staying younger for longer nowdays

415 don't know really, just think of people as being wrinkley, grey and old

416 on the border line of being old

417 apporx age of retirement and also are grandchildren, also many have health problems and are unable to do things they previously could.

418 once they are more imobile

419 most people at this age have stop with things and thier mind is going

420 people start slowing down around this age in my family

421 elderly is older than old

422 I don't distinguish between old and elderly

423 Elderly is almost the same as old

424 Life experience

425 because that is very old

426 most of there life is gone

427 Once again...it's just a state of mind. People may appear to be "elderly" but can run rings around a lot of younger people. I say 90 with reservations.

428 ??

429 10 yrs on from old

430 My mum is 70 and she doesn't seem elderly, so a few years more should do it.

431 Again, one should not generalise, as I know some people of 80 plus whom I would not call elderly.

432 because now adays alot more people look after themselves and there health and dont look there age

433 i am not sure

434 not fat from old

435 At that age people become unable to do some activities they were able to do at 60

436 They are about twenty years passed the normal "working" age.

437 I feel todays age is "older"

438 I think "elderly" sounds a tiny bit better than "old".

439 Most people slow down at that age.

440 by this age many have stopped driving,are in nursing homes and their health has deteriorated

441 retire

442 my wifes nan is 80 something and I dont think she is elderly

443 they have worked hard and need to relax

444 retirment age

445 They would be starting to age and suffer from age related diseases

446 I consider 30s to be middle-age (working) 40s is growing old, but is definitely not there yet and anyone over 50 is certainly not young or middle-aged anymore

447 It should be that you really will slow down

448 too old

449 Thats when you start to feel ancient

450 just the first thought that came to me

451 As before

452 new eighties

453 usually recently retired, starting to slow down

454 Because they would have gone through many experiences

455 Again its the individual, some people can think and act 'elderly' very early in life and another person will still be 'a kid a heart' until the day they leave our planet for good.

456 When people start to get frail

457 retirement

458 An age where they generally need assistance form others, whether it is supported accomodation, or services,

459 getting to retirement

460 nothing

461 psychology, ring of...

462 not sure

463 as before

464 The best of elderly people, a good age

465 Cultural reason

466 People work right through their 60s
467 This is about the time the body begins to age more rapidly with the physical
mobility starting to be restrictive and people want to retire due to the many years at work.
468 can be any age after 65 really but elderly has more to do with how frail a person is,
not so much the number.
469 this is entirely up to the individual, some people think you are elderly at 20
470 People are living longer these days
471 because you start to feel your age
472 by this age you are physically not able to do things you used to do
473 this is when you need even more help
474 i think most persons that age need assistance to move around
475 Not being able to look after themselves properly.
476 they must be a lot older than me!
477 Same points as made already. I regard "old" and "elderly" as almost the same.
478 When people reach 80, they usually require assistance for daily activities. Their
physical appearances are extremely wrinkled.
479 The age where it is common to be moved into a nursing home.
480 don't know
481 By the age of 60 elderly people have a lot of life experiences which they can share
with the young. Being elderly is not necessarily a bad thing.
482 I believe three score and ten is a reasonable measuring stick to assume the mantle
of "elderly"
483 because they often have grandkids by that age
484 this age seems to be when many seniors seem to to slow down and illness will
often set in
485 Retired. Have Grand children
486 need a lot of help
487 Frailty and neediness increase
488 Elderly but not old. people to be respected as seniors.
489 elderly people are to be honored and i am almost there
490 because
491 no reason
492 By that age one can be slowing down a bit or a lot
493 retirement
494 Experience
495 healthier
496 it feel old
497 my dad is nearly 50 .thats elderly
498 It has to be older than I am, for I don't consider myself "elderly".
499 Again it is a matter of attitude and behaviour on the individuals part. But people
tend to slow down a bit from 60 and they have a lot of wisdom they can share with others,
they deserve our respect.
500 That the age consider as mature adult
501 same
502 thye have usally retired and have slower lifestyle although stil active

503 at this age the body is starting to feel the effects of wear and tear,so this would
slow you down.

504 its the usual retirement age

505 people slow down and are not as active, they tend to become homebodies and
look forward to interacting with grandchildren rather than pursue an active lifestyle.

506 Health starts to go down hill

507 That is the age when the body generally starts protesting to many exertions

508 because i am heading that way

509 Usually because when I look at them I feel, they are elderly but not old

510 This is myidea the elderly is older than old. When mobility is greatly reduced

511 Starting to have difficulty getting around. Feeble.

512 It's not the age, it's the way they act that matters

513 just think so

514 because most of elderly aged over 60 are retired or not working

515 By their 80s, they are slow, and often ill.

516 ?

517 By 75 most people begin to require assistance in some shape or form

518 because thats when it all starts

519 I guess it's because that's retirement age.

520 Can still work until aged 70.

521 because people are getting more elderly at an older age

522 Starting to find it difficult to do the things they would normall do.

523 starting to slow down but still have a good lifestyle provided health is ok

524 Start becoming dependant on others.

525 My parents are in their early 80's are I don't think of them as elderly because they
are so active.

526 this is generally when the rot starts

527 same as before

528 they start to get frail and the body starts to give up

529 my parents are 80's

530 no comment

531 N/a

532 I know a few people in their early 80s whom I consider old but not yet elderly.
Old and elderly are, in my opinion, more related to mental and physical capabilities than
to years.

533 that's when the seniors discounts kick in.

534 70 would be the upper limit of when the majority of people would work through
till. I think after 70 most tend to slow down and enjoy the simple thing in life

535 People are living longer, thanks to medicines?

536 Getting pretty late in life by then

537 "elderly" to me is someone who is very old. However I also thinks it depends on
how well someone ages

538 Very mature at that age

539 10 years after their retirement age.

540 same reason

541 by then the mind is going,body very frail.

542 they look like
543 It's the start of the retiring age
544 Living standards may start to diminish.
545 they need assistance in everyday chores
546 Pension age
547 coz they get wrinkly
548 By that stage they will most likely have been on the age pension for some time,
plus it's not far from the average age that a person passes away in normal circumstances.
549 Looking back at my parents who are now in there 70s i remember them being able
to do a lot of things that they cant and proberbly should not do now in their 70s and they
seem to be able to do with confidence in their 50s and 60s
550 You get a pension
551 that is how you know.
552 you are able to retire and you recieve senior discounts even before that age.
553 I am getting close to that agecertainly dont feel elderly BUT will be seen that way
by alarge proportion of the population
554 Same reasons as previous box
555 About the age of my mother
556 older people seem alot healthier nowadays
557 my mum still got around fairly well til about that age
558 Old person
559 The old 'Retirement Age'
560 at this age you would not be able to function without assistance
561 No longer capable of providing useful social contribution
562 coz its old
563 cos they have grey hair and they usually have grand children
564 as you get older the age of elderly puches out
565 people in their sixties are still quite active, but once they reach 70 their age starts
to show more. I assosciate elderly with slower movement, walking stick/frame, looking a
little tottery.
566 limited mobility
567 Thats because they should have retired by now and be taking it easy
568 Elderly still mobile and able to do things but need help
569 Health issues usually have kicked in by now
570 elderly is becoming frail and unable to do everyday things
571 Because the majority of people this age have bodies that are slowing down
572 they are elderly
573 When people turns 70 years old. Their health starts to deteriate. Actions and
reactions are getting slow. They look and behave really like "elderly"
574 it just seems elderly to me
575 Retirement age
576 people normally retire at that age.
577 my grandparents age
578 Although people age differently, I would term someone as elderly when their age
dramatically impacts how they can live their life
579 This generation of that age start to show signs of fragility and aging

580 because there older
581 thats when people are frail.
582 elderly people are generally over 80
583 apperance i guess
584 because that seems reasonable
585 N/A
586 because that is retirement age
587 Comercial card makers now produce birthday cards for 100 years old.
588 The white hair does it and the slowing down
589 Because by that time maybe the physical features and attitude to life become a bit emphasized.
590 first thought. older than me.
591 starting to slip. A little frail
592 This seems to be the age that fraility of both body and mind seems to set in at least in my experience.
593 People vary...
594 At this age one has had a good long life and surely must be in the elderly stage by now.
595 by this time most people are sitting back and enjoying their retirement
596 retirement
597 It is when they start to need help with things
598 Not Sure
599 Goes on from 80
600 That is when you start having to be careful about health and diet etc.
601 Because this is after retirement age
602 Nearing retirement age
603 Your less mobile and certain aspects of live dont interest you anymore
604 Same as my previous answer, no matter what your age its your outlook on life, eventuality, your body gives out thats when your OLD
605 Elderly sounds like a grandma age
606 At this stage it would have become obvious that the person is in the latter years of their lifespan. Not as active, hair colour changed, very lined face.
607 Health related issueS around this age impedes abilty to be 100% active for many
608 Hopefully able to have retired by now and perhaps needing a little assistance in life.
609 Once again they have retired and their body seems to slow down.
610 People tend to slow down from this age. Mainly due to not being as active as they were.
611 Unable to fully care for themselves
612 Need help with everyday routine??
613 The average person at that age are walking with a wobble and have trouble remembering things and look elderly.Unless blest with great genes.
614 From my experience, from the age of 80 onwards, people tend to need more help in doing everyday basic tasks. Therefore, 80 is the age I consider to be elderly.
615 same as first question
616 not sure. they are just starting to look old i suppose and less agile

617 MY GRANDPARENTS ARE IN THEIR SEVENTIES AND CANT DO THINGS THEY USED TO DO. SOMETIMES PEOPLE NEED TO DO THINGS FOR THEM EG. GARDEN, HOUSEWORK BECAUSE THEY CANT DO IT THEMSELVES. OLD PEOPLE LIKE TO SLEEP ALOT AND TAKE NAPS ALOT.

618 At this point in your life you move a little slower and are a little less responsive to different things but if your faculties are intact you go on as before

619 Because they are approaching 70 yrs old

620 Don't know, Can't explain it.

621 Same as my last answer, age is how you feel if you feel good then 80 is elderly

622 These days not many people live to that age.

623 Because it sounds old

624 Because after then people tend to lose health with age.

625 past retirement, unable to look after themselves

626 5 years before retirement age

627 60-69 seems more like a retiree age group, and once you are older than a retiree you are elderly

628 Again it depends on the person and their health, physical and mental.

629 when people might need help from others to do certain things

630 most people of this age sort of become enfeebled so I have seen

631 That's when frailties generally start to happen

632 As I am not yet 70 and I do not like being classified as "elderly". Also many of my age peers are living full and active lives and have full-time jobs.

633 past working age

634 the same reason as being old

635 dont know

636 because thats my age

637 Visually this is when they look to me to be elderly. Also they are generally no longer working.

638 elderly is less than old

639 for me elderly and old are interchangeable

640 don't know just do

641 its been known this way

642 you have retired for some time and have slowed down considerably

643 there are many reasons why some people are active at that age

644 because i am 54 and do not feel elderly or frail

645 as before

646 Same reason as before

647 it just seems old

648 that is a fair innings and i think most people who get to that age are extremely lucky and have had a good life

649 they cant do some physical activity, and should pay more attention to their health. do more checkup every year and so on...

650 Elderly implies concessions required which many earn by that age.

651 getting ready to retire

652 It is just the age which pops in to my mind

653 Most would consider "age" a state of the mind!

654 elderly implies frailty and possibly wisdom... connotes gray hair and wrinkles!
655 around retirement age
656 As well as being physically frail a large proportion of people of 85 and older have
the early stages of dementia
657 There are a lot of people reaching this milestone
658 time to retire
659 Because with healthy lifestyles a lot of people are still active in their later years.
660 it is so
661 would be starting to settle down into retirement and looking towards the future.
Appearance would include developing wrinkles etc
662 because people from this age up need more help and are much weaker and dont
have as much stamina. they can be more prone to accidents inthe house eg falling.
663 same as
664 ripe age
665 most people consider this as old
666 By that time our physical body is deteriorating rapidly
667 When I was 15 I probably would have said 40.
668 just seems really old
669 the same as before
670 Again I had to put an age in the box. I would expect anyone younger than an other
person to give up a seat on a train or bus, but certainly being elderly is how a person
conducts themselves
671 It's now above the average life expectancy of a person (male) in Australia
672 same reason
673 LAST 5-10 YEARS OF THEIR LIFE
674 Great Grandparents were around 90 and were as I imagined as elderly.
675 I consider the elderly to be 'old' as per the previous question, for the same reasons.
676 Usual time of most serious health and mental problems
677 Because society decides your age.
678 bones old
679 Because at 60 our features change and the usual signs of aging appear. Grey
hairs, wrinkles here and there and body image changes. However, at 60 I don;t believe
one has to feel elderly and should be able to think and act in the same way as one did at
50.
680 They are getting on and probably have less energy
681 MMMM
682 Because people do not seem elderly until they are at least that old
683 Nowadays people are living longer so I would not consider someone in their 60's
to be elderly
684 the baby boomers as parents are still very active
685 My mum is that age and I consider her elderly
686 cause thats when they start not being able to do things for them selves
687 because they are close to old
688 Ten years on from the previous 75. All the 85 year old people I know consider
themselves elderley

689 Because for me 60 is old but in your 60s most people are still out and about, they
tend to really slow down in their 70s
690 it really depend on how they look act/ hold themselves, age doesnt really matter
691 I am a Baseball coach for a team with players ranging in age from 17 - 33. They
all call me an old fart (with affection) but I guess I have to concede that 70 is elderly.
692 you can be elderly & active in your eaghties,but tend to slow down in nineties
693 because I am elderly and proud of it
694 80 is when most people have a lot of ailments
695 I think it's the pension age
696 That's traditionally the age where people start to die. That's the experience I've
had with friends and family dying in their sixties.
697 loss of mobility and frail
698 Most people are still healthy until that age
699 At this age people are higher at risk in getting sick quite quickly, not only that the
disease they have get even worse and unfortunately there is no cure in some cases.
700 The older you get, the age of elderly also rises if you're in good health and still
got a lot of living to do!
701 At that age people are normally starting to slow down.
702 Better health care gives a better quality of life. The word elderly seems to evoke a
more sedentary life style, with attendant health problems
703 at that age they would need help
704 More fragile then.
705 because by then you are starting to slow down and take more time to do things
706 Again - how we live, react, and what we do has far more to do with our mental
outlook that our physical state. It's the same reason that someone with a great attitude
who may be in wheelchair can live life more fully than someone who is able bodied, but
is incapacitated by depression, fear and anxiety.
707 they have lived a good time
708 nearing the end of their life
709 because that seems to be the accepted age
710 I picture an elderly person (around 70) using a walking frame etc.
711 A bit less than old
712 Someone can be elderly without being old
713 because that is any age when i THINK people start to slow down
714 nothing in particular, just a feeling
715 Much like my previous answer. However, elderly is more age related.
716 5 years before death (for an average person) would be elderly.
717 my mother is that age and very feeble
718 it just seems to be the age to say that you are elderly you have slowed down
considerably and a lot of things you like doing take so much longer than they used to
719 A lot depends on how they appear and their responce to growing older
720 activity really restricted.
721 a bit older than "old"
722 If one lives to 90 they are certainly elderly and more infirmed
723 old and elderly are the same thing

724 Retirement age, I guess, they start to fit into the same sorts of trends that are stereotypically associated with retirees and elderly people, ie going away on a trip in a caravan, joining clubs, it's a hard thing to put a number on.

725 you lose your independence, your drivers licence, your memory and probably have to think about going into a home.

726 You are a senior at 50

727 I think generally people feel that seventy is being elderly

728 There is not much difference between old and elderly if any at all

729 its old enough they should be able to retire then

730 I have to hand in my driving licence

731 getting frail and more sedentary by now

732 they are slowing down by then, reflexes not as good, along with in some cases, hearing eyesight, and if not looked after, bones breaking etc,

733 various people act older than they are, many act younger than they are, elderly to me could be 70-75 but in some people 55

734 Not as active as they used to be

735 Elderly to me is the more mature retired person who deserves more respect and should receive some benefits for all the work they have done but they are not "old" as they have not necessarily slowed down

736 n/a

737 i don't no it seems once people hit mid 70's the aging process speeds up

738 usually at this age you can become slower and weaker and may need help with daily tasks

739 its how you feel

740 same answer as old I consider it the same thing

741 Elderly to me has a connotation of being slightly immobile and having physical problems which occur around this age

742 just a thought

743 They are more dependent upon others for their needs.

744 I am getting closer to elderly now

745 greying

746 just being out of the 50s i think of that as middle age so 60 is elderly

747 As stated previously.

748 Their body gradually deteriorates e.g. bones shrink, less mobile.

749 almost dead

750 Because I believe that at 70, you are no longer capable of doing anything.

751 Early retirement age

752 "Elderly" people are generally frail in appearance

753 reliance upon others increases

754 i know people that are in the late 70's and still working

755 don't know

756 at that age they are getting on in years and health becomes more of an issue, generally speaking that is

757 most people of this age find it hard to work full time at this age

758 because they need ppl to look after them

759 As before, we are a healthier people these days

760 Because at this age people are usually frail and slow so I consider them to be elderly

761 slowing down

762 Because you or should be retired and deserve some respect from the younger population

763 Same reason as per the preceding question.

764 they are usually not working at that age

765 because that is an old enough

766 because they not yet 65

767 You like to take things a little slower, that is if you have good health

768 As the old saying goes, you are as old as you feel. These days, people don't sit back to age, they have a better lifestyle, better diet, exercise more, better medical and work longer, which all contribute to longer life.

769 Cause you are starting to become reliant upon family members and society.

770 Because I suppose in another few years I will be feeling my age

771 old is a state of mind my mother was old at 55 my mother in law who is about to turn 101 did not get old till 94 years.

772 Because I am a young78

773 Same as previous.

774 as before

775 Because I am 65 and feel and hopefully look a generation away from being termed Elderly!!

776 Because at 66 I am still participating weekly in tennis, aerobics, weights and bands and feel I will be able to continue these activities for some years to come. Also, I have friends who are 70 and no way would I consider them to be elderly.

777 not sure

778 elderly is getting older, not old

779 because there is more health issues at this age

780 Most people these days are living longer, consequently it is difficult to differentiate between a 60 year old and a 75 year old these days

781 How would dam I know, depends on their body makeup?

782 Physical appearance is associated with being considered to be elderly.

783 As per my last answer.

784 At this age they may require help to do some of the basic things in life

785 because that was when my mum needed help and could no longer look after herself and she was getting frail

786 Elder sound like someone that is old and experience which in my opinion elderly people are 75 and above

787 because you are considered a senior citizen

788 it is just my considered opinion

789 because of the number.

790 I am 75 now and don't think of myself being old. Most people though would consider over 70 being old.

791 It is amazing how many times you can read about someone turning 100 and +

792 same reasons as I gave for previous question

793 I feel 70 is now classed as elderly. Health care has improved for the older generation
794 That is my mums age and she is not old yet
795 I have misunderstood the previous question. An old person would be say 80+. An elderly person would be in their 70's.
796 i dont know
797 that's when i think you start to lose mental facilities
798 Their bodies too are beginning to slow down and experience gradual deterioration.
799 a bit more advanced than old in my opinion
800 It is approximately the age that is considered to be the average lifespan for a male.
801 Once again for me it's only 9 years away but I would still like to think that I could play a round of golf and do my normal exercises.
802 Presuming elderly is younger than old. If not answers should be reversed
803 I want to help those people if i can.
804 That's pretty old!
805 just how i feel
806 because they are close to death
807 thier age may old but many people art this age are active
808 It's a social standard for elderly.
809 My grandma is 93 and would only say last 8 years as elderly where she has needed some assistance (a gopher to help her get around)
810 Don't know...I just do.
811 some may need more care by this stage
812 They have possibly, slowed down considerably and are no longer working etc.
813 thats the age where many older people become frail
814 just seems elderly to me depending on your health really
815 inside your body you feel always young like I am now at 50, but on the outside your body is slowing down.
816 i don't know
817 often need support
818 don't know - i don't really think of people as being 'elderly'.
819 People realy start to slow down then and is an age older than my parents.
820 the same
821 lot more fraile
822 I think elderly sounds older
823 ripeage
824 i dont know
825 ddss
826 Because body starts showing it inspite of all care though mind is still young.
827 as they get again health problems so
828 not sure why... receiving the pension, perhaps that is the age as classed as elderly, which the age cap seems to keep increasing as the years go by. im not sure.
829 people are retired and do not move around like they used to
830 thta is the age i believe that you may need help with everyday things
831 These days people are living longer and so 85 is the age where people tend to no longer be able to completely take care of themself

832 Because at that age most are in a nursing home, forgetful, can't drive as well.
833 pension age
834 80 is very old
835 i do
836 they seem to run out of steam by then
837 because they have grey hair
838 Just "elderly"
839 i think you would feel old at this age
840 Because it is not old but it is mature age.
841 three quarters (or more in most cases) of your life is over and you are starting the
downward decline. (health wise)
842 I don't think that you are elderly until you are frail.
843 no particular reason
844 No real reason why.. they are retired..
845 because that is when people most usually retire.
846 don't know, that just seems the right age.
847 because it's the age where most people becoming grandpa and grandma.
848 no reason
849 Because by then you will properly need care and attention
850 Coz you have been retired for about ten years and now you are getting elderly
851 noticeably slowing down & more health probs emerging.
852 most would not be as capable mentally and physically by then??
853 Generally they are at the age when they need some assistance for day-to-day
activities.
854 that's when they become grandparents and start getting grey hair
855 Inreasing evidence of side effects of aging
856 its when everything starts falling apart
857 MY OPINION ONLY
858 same as previous
859 the beginning of retirement
860 Most people need assistance
861 I dont really judge people by age ur as old as u feel i guess
862 I am in the medical field and see that most people become significantly more frail
about this stage
863 BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE ACTING YOUNGER
864 retirement age for most of us
865 they are nearly 80, and at 75 they have slowed down with everything,and start
needing help with stuff
866 becasue their can not do what they use to
867 when they are unable to go somewhere because of health issues
868 Feeling
869 i think that is an elderly age
870 body starting to fall apart become more frail
871 It's the age when you stop working
872 no longer working, and more frail
873 cause thats when the body starts to slow right down

874 It is time to retire
875 they would have maturity
876 most people are retired by then
877 dress code and walking availability
878 Working age is 65 so many people are able to work until then. Once they pass a few years into retirement they would slow down their lifestyle.
879 Starting to get frail
880 Same as before
881 n/a
882 Retired
883 Mainly, I suppose because myself and my friends who range up to 70 years, do not act, dress or feel old.
884 Because that's when they start qualifying for the old age pensioners insurance offered by apia, and get senior citizen discounts and free coffee at McD's.
885 no specific reason - people can be elderly at 60, or elderly at 90. A lot to do with attitude
886 retired for a while
887 because once you get to that age you have difficulty doing a hard days work
888 it is when you slow down
889 anything younger would be offended
890 You've done all you want to in life
891 Most elderly people are retired
892 No reason
893 Elderly same as old
894 Maybe mobility problems, physical problems.
895 May be physically frail by then.
896 Same answer as before
897 ?
898 because I work with people that are retiring at that age
899 No real reason other than my perception.
900 I think around then it gets harder for them to live independently
901 I know people younger than that still pretty lively
902 it's my opinion
903 no reason
904 because they usually start to have more health problems
905 because people are living longer
906 Because by then they should be retired/on a pension
907 I believe at that age people really deteriorate in terms of ability and health begins failing. Elderly is to me is associated with those things.
908 Because they are frail
909 unsure
910 As a person looks physically old, and not as able to do things in the same way as they could, e.g. less strength, slower mentally
911 someone who is moving a bit slower and as lots of wrinkles
912 that's when it becomes obvious the ageing process has completely taken over
913 they are well into retirement and defiantly usually in the last years with us

914 nil
915 people are less mobile at that age.....
916 i dont know
917 approximate. Reduced mobility.
918 things start hurting around then
919 Most about that age seem to really struggle with health issues and are unable to participate in many physical activities
920 see previous response, plus it depends on the person concerned how spritely fit and how bright and up to date they were mentally. You can have a perceivably elderly person at 68 with no fitness mentally or physically or a young ninety year old who would put me to shame. It is a matter of relativity and perception
921 More towards a grandparents age. I guess it would also depend on what they looked like.
922 Mobility starts to suffer
923 Most elderly people at this age, are less active and more fragile
924 It's past the age of retirement.
925 Retired
926 people start to get frail around that age
927 Close to retirement age
928 It just seems right to me.
929 they are 20 years off 100
930 they become the next generation. very conservative. protective. be a good advisor
931 kids are out of home
932 IT REALLY ALL DEPENDS HOW A PERSON CARRIES THEMSELVES
933 it's an age group where people not really productive
934 Same reasons as before.
935 Not sure
936 im not gonna dignify that with an answer...lols
937 I think that's when they start slowing down and walking becomes more difficult.
938 at this age more matured thinking and responsibilities come. Plannings and savings for future. Taking calculated risks in life etc
939 that's how old my grandma is
940 Cause thats getting close to the end and you would need help from the ones you help earlier on there lifes
941 After that stage things seem to become a lot harder and people are less mobile.
942 Its hard to place an actual age on it, its more when they get to a stage where there age now limits their capabilities in doing day to day tasks
943 Up until then there is a lot of life in a person and this is considered retirement age
944 it is when people tend to slow down
945 not sure
946 70 is old - anything over that is old
947 u always need someone to look after u in that age
948 well after 75 i think you start getting more fragile again i give the 3 years because some old people just keep on staying old
949 Because thats when people start to become decrepit - they can't stand up on their own, they start to lose their memory etc.

950 When you start focusing on the end of your life
951 I know my grandparents are in their mid 80's and even though they are old they
are not "elderly" still very alive and well.
952 no reason
953 they are just old and realise it and really look it
954 cos they start lookin frail then
955 may retire at this age
956 as they are retired
957 generally quite frail at that age
958 i think it
959 Getting towards last stage of life
960 because most 80 yr olds are frail.
961 they get some maturity and have experience.
962 Because they are getting elderly.
963 Elderly and old are interchangeable
964 cos they will be old and wrinkly and u can tell they are old
965 less capable to take care of themselves, recruit people to help them with daily
chores
966 I see someone as elderly when their lifestyle and health is affected by their age.
967 matured
968 Their old and may need help in areas
969 Actually it's hard to define. I would say anyone who is slower in movement and
has gummy teeth
970 old
971 They'd be experienced in pretty much everything in life. They'll be wise and
knowledgeable.
972 Its the age of retirement so it seems about right
973 thats what i think
974 you can be elderly without being old, elderly is from the age people are retiring,
they are still quite independent but may need a bit of help with some things.
975 considering retirement-
976 They don't get out much
977 it's after retirement age
978 frailness seems to be unavoidable after 80
979 need other help
980 A person's ability to look after themselves have decreased a lot.
981 Elderly is just a polite word for old
982 n/a
983 Past retirement age
984 Unable to support themselves
985 Thats the time when you wouldn't want to be working anymore. at 70 you should
be retired, on the pension, collecting your super and elderly
986 people are usually more frail at this age
987 they totally depend on other people to look after them
988 very slow mentally and physically
989 because the body it really starting to break down at that age.

- 990 aged pension
- 991 Slowing down with movement
- 992 lead a rewarding life
- 993 most people that age look frail and aged
- 994 70 is a big milestone after that what have you got left?
- 995 They have retired, and are starting to look very old
- 996 Retirement Age.
- 997 Again your level of activities that you can perform indicate your age. At the age of seventy your lifestyle has changed dramatically.
- 998 -
- 999 because that time people already finish their high school and they starting to becoming old when their age is 30
- 1000 I think at this age people start becoming more dependent on infrastructure and outside care to support their lifestyles
- 1001 They have retired and are entering the last phase of their lives
- 1002 after 18 every is elder
- 1003 50-60 is "old" age as in retirement, whereas 70+ is beyond retirement.
- 1004 If i lived beyond 80 i would want a special title to acknowledge my existence!
- 1005 Again, same as before, it really depends on the individual.
- 1006 becuse most of them have some sort of sickness
- Total sample; Unweighted; base n = 1006