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Describe an old person who is interesting

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How you know him/her
- What you do with this person
- And explain why you think this person is interesting

I've decided to talk about a friend of the family – I call her Auntie Jo, but she's not my real aunt – she's an honorary aunt. I can't recall when I first met her – as far as I am aware, she has always been around. I think she was close friends with my grandparents and she became part of the family. She is in her late seventies now, but she's not your typical OAP – she is a spring chicken. I think because she is young at heart, this keeps her young, both mentally and physically. When I was studying in primary school, my parents used to work long hours and so Auntie Jo would look after us until they got home.

The main reason why I find her fascinating is that she used to live in Italy when she was younger and she would tell me stories about her time there. She's a good raconteur and her tales were hilarious. She may have told a few white lies to make the stories more entertaining, but I didn't care – she's such a great storyteller.

Because she spent many years living in Italy, she prepares exciting and tasty dishes such as pizza and pasta. Most **oldies** in my country **are not into Italian cuisine**, but I love the fact that **she has embraced another culture** and, **to this day**, she makes homemade pizza **when I pop round to see her**.

Unlike many **senior citizens** who **are stuck in their ways** and do not like change, **she embraces change** and is always keen to try something new. She has an Instagram account and **regularly posts selfies**. She is **computer literate** and knows more about computers than **many people half her age**. She is **inspirational** because, **despite** her age, **she doesn't slow down**, she just enjoys life. They say **you can't teach an old dog new tricks**, well that is **nonsense** because my Auntie Jo never stops learning and I think that is what keeps her young.

PART 3

What can old people teach young people?

Nowadays, many young people **consume** too much **fast food** and **rely on convenience food**.

Therefore, the thing we can learn most from **the older generation** is **cooking from scratch**. This is **a vital life skill** that is **sadly lacking** in many **teens**.

Not only is cooking cheaper than buying **ready meals**, it is more **nutritious, wholesome and tastier**.



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Do you think old people should live with their family?

My initial reaction was yes because they looked after us when we were young and we should **return the favour**.

However, I think that answer is too **simplistic**.

There are many children who do not have a good relationship with their parents **for a variety of reasons**, which **I won't go into**, and sometimes it is impossible for them **to live under the same roof**. **On the whole**, it is a good idea, but it is not always **doable**.

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