

Vocabulary & Identity: Unit 2 - Finding Your Identity

Part 1: Key Concepts

Define or explain the following terms in your own words:

1. **Rite of passage:** (A ceremony or event marking an important stage in someone's life).
2. **Generational conflict:** (A struggle between older and younger generations).
3. **Sexual orientation:** (A person's sexual identity in relation to the gender to which they are attracted).
4. **Gender identity:** (A person's internal sense of their own gender).
5. **Binge drinking:** (The consumption of an excessive amount of alcohol in a short period of time).

Part 2: Adjectives ending in -ed and -ing

Choose the correct form:

1. Growing up is an **exciting / excited** time.
2. Simon felt **embarrassing / embarrassed** about the situation.
3. She finds the new role model very **attracting / attractive**.
4. The conversation was quite **awkward / awkwardness**.

Literature Analysis: "Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda"

Simon Spier is a closeted gay teenage boy who is forced to come out.

Task: Identify colloquial phrases in the text that characterize Simon's voice as a teenager.

* **Examples:** "The thing about... is...", "I mean...", "It's like...", "But yeah."

Answer Key

* **Part 1:** Definitions provided in brackets.

* **Part 2:** 1. exciting, 2. embarrassed, 3. attractive, 4. awkward.