**Unit1 The Generation Gap**

**Language Sense Enhancement**

**If that sort of thing happened only once in a while, it wouldn’t be so sad. Overall, I wouldn’t want to trade my dad for anyone else’s. He loves us kids and Mom too. But I think that’s sometimes the problem. He wants to do things for us, things he thinks are good. But he needs to give then more thought…**

**Can you imagine how humiliated I was? An honor student, class president. And father was out asking people to have their sons call and ask me to the prom! But that’s dear old dad. Actually, he is a dear. He just doesn’t stop to think. And it’s not just one of us who’ve felt the heavy hand of interference. Oh, no, all three of us live in constant dread knowing that at any time disaster can strike.**

**Once in a while 偶尔：表示某件事情不经常发生，但是会偶尔发生。**

**Trade sb for 出卖某人**

**Humiliate /hjuːˈmɪlieɪt/ 羞辱，使蒙羞**

**Interference 干涉，干预；（收音机或电视机受到的）干扰信号；犯规阻挡；抵触，冲突**

**Language Focus**

1. **The view that you should never spend more than you that you earn is fairly typical of people of their generation.**
2. **In 1963, after his junior year in high school, Cliton was elected to the government study program for young people.**
3. **Willian Byrd composed many pieces of music, but his church music is considered his most glorious work.**
4. **Governments establish welfare system to provide a safety net to prevent people from suffering the effects of poverty.**
5. **You quit that respectable, well-paid job for this unpromising one? What has come over you?**
6. **Many animals face extinction as the result of human interference**
7. **Her hope of her husband's return is fading/fades the years go by.**
8. **Having worked for three years, Roger decided to study for an MBA degree and down his choice to three specific business schools.**
9. **A(n) frank reply is much more appreciated than beating about the**

**bush（拐弯抹角）**

1. **Harold always comes up with dumb Schemes for making money that**

**just get us into trouble.**

1. **Call me, write to me, email me; at any rate, let's keep in touch.**
2. **These days we feel less of a need to hide the fact that we-are distracted. We even look at someone in the eye and type on the phone at the same time.**
3. **The basketball star addressed reporters with a friendly "What's up, guys. Questions for me?"**
4. **In our company employees are given a(n) annual paid leave of 15 days.**
5. **The old man must have misunderstood our intention; he clenched**

**his fist and waved it angrily at us.**

**Collocation**

**1 His wages are adequate （足够）to support his family.**

**2 Joan is anxious（急于） to meet Mr. Keller and his family**

**3 After all his hard work, he is certain肯定会to pass the exam.**

**4 Einstein was Content（满足于） to live a simple life.**

**5 Emma is Crazy（疯狂） to go out in such stormy weather.**

**6 Do remind me because I'm likely（可能会） to forget.**

**7 You're very lucky（幸运） to have a good teacher**

**8 She's out of hospital and keen（热切地想） to go back to work**

**Comprehensive Exercise**

**American psychologist Bella DePaulo believes that the generation gap in the US has been narrowed down. As proof she cites a 2013 survey of parents of 18-29-year-olds, of which about three-quarters said their relationship with their children was mostly positive.**

**In the past, adult children dreaded dependence on their parents.**

**They moved away from their parents' home as soon as they reached adulthood to seek glorious independence, but now some adult children don't feel embarrassed, or humiliated, to admit that they are still living with their parents. This may have something to do with the current tight job market and high housing costs, but also the closer relationship between generations.**

**In the past, the typical parent did not speak frequently with their grown children living in separate communities or locations, let alone give them advice, because this might be seen as interference. But according to the same poll, more than half of the 18-29-year-olds, and more than half of the mothers and even fathers of grown kids, have contact with each other every other day or almost every day. Cellphones, the Internet, and social media in general are somewhat(稍微，有点几分；某物) behind-the-scene "heroes", bridging the gap between two generations, keeping them informed of and interested in each other's welfare.**