

17. The Experiment

At school, Sandra asks her classmates: "Is it true that **old people** smell different?"

Her friend Gabi replies, "Well, they all smell rotten."

John laughs. "No, only the dead are rotten. Old people are **not dead yet**. They are **still alive.**"

Gabi chuckles. "All right. Then we will call them **mature**. But as **a matter of fact**, I don't care how we call old people. I just don't want **to be near them.**"

John raises his hand. "Wait a minute. I once saw an experiment on YouTube. It shows that old people don't smell **any different**. Scientists let three groups of people sleep in shirts: old, middle-aged, and young. **Each person** had to sleep in the same shirt for five nights, and the shirts were not washed. Then they asked **volunteers** to smell the shirts. The volunteers didn't know which shirt came from what group, but all agreed and said that the shirts of the old people smelled the best. "

"What kind of volunteers were these people who want to smell old people's shirts?" asks Sandra.

John: "They were, of course, old **retirees.**"