

## Idioms based on "ages"

### Act one's age

**Meaning**

To be mature and not childish.

**Example:**

*Stop being childish and act your age.*

### Age before beauty

**Meaning**

A phrase said to allow older people to go before younger ones. Now most often used humorously or lightheartedly, and usually said by a younger person to an older friend or relative out of mock pity for being so much older and unattractive.

**Example:**

*Please, you first. Age before beauty, you know.*

### Age out of something

**Meaning**

The phrase **age out of something** means to reach an age at which one is no longer eligible for the system of care designed to provide services, such as education or protection, for people below a certain age level.

**Example:**

*He has aged out of the special student scholarship program.*

### Come of age

**Meaning**

The phrase **come of age** means to reach adulthood.

**Example:**

*His son has come of age.*

### Coon's age

**Meaning**

The idiom a **coon's age** refers to a very long period of time.

A **dog's age** is another variation of this idiom.

**Example:**

*It's been a coon's age since I last went to the theater.*

### Dog's age

**Meaning**

The idiom **dog's age** refers to a long period of time.

A **coon's age** is a variation of this idiom.

**Example:**

*Hi Jane! It's been a dog's age since we last met.*

### Feel your age

**Meaning**

The phrase **feel your age** means to realize that you are growing old.

**Example:**

*I really felt my age at work. All my colleagues looked very young.*

### Get on in years

**Meaning**

Old; advanced in age.

**Example:**

*Although she's getting on in years, she still looks young.*

### Golden age

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Period of prosperity.

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### In a coon's age

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The phrase **in a coon's age** means in a very long time.

The word *coon* refers to a raccoon, an omnivorous mammal, native to the Americas.

**Example:**

*She hasn't seen him in a coon's age. She is so happy to meet him again.*

### In this day and age

**Meaning**

In the present.

**Example:**

*In this day and age, horrible crimes are very common occurrence.*

### Long in the tooth

**Meaning**

very old.

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**Example:**

*I think he is a bit long in the tooth to be a romantic hero in that play.*

### Of a certain age

**Meaning**

Said about people who are not young.

**Example:**

*This shop sells clothes for women of a certain age.*

### Of advanced age

**Meaning**

The phrase **of advanced age** or **advanced years** describes someone as old.

**Example:**

*The conference is about the effect of advanced age on fertility and pregnancy in women.*

### Of age

**Meaning**

Old enough to be considered an adult.

**Example:**

*He's of age now, he can buy his own car.*

### On in years

**Meaning**

Old; advanced in age.

**Example:**

*My wife is dead and I am getting on in years.*

### Over the hill

**Meaning**

too old to perform as well as before.

**Example:**

*You say you are over the hill, but see how you run as fast as your son!*

### Put years on

**Meaning**

If something **puts years on somebody**, it makes them look or feel much older.

**Example:**

*Hi financial problems put years on him.*

### Ripe old age

**Meaning**

Very old age.

**Example:**

*After living to a ripe old age, she died yesterday.*

### Tender age

**Meaning**

A young age.

**Example:**

*It's easier to learn languages at a tender age.*

### Under age

**Meaning**

The phrase **under age** means to be too young to be eligible for something.

**Example:**

*This program is not for people under age.*

### Young at heart

**Meaning**

To be **young at heart** means to have a youthful spirit in spite of being old.

**Example:**

*Although he is over 80, he still feels young at heart.*