



## Unit 10

### Reading II

# The Silent Generations

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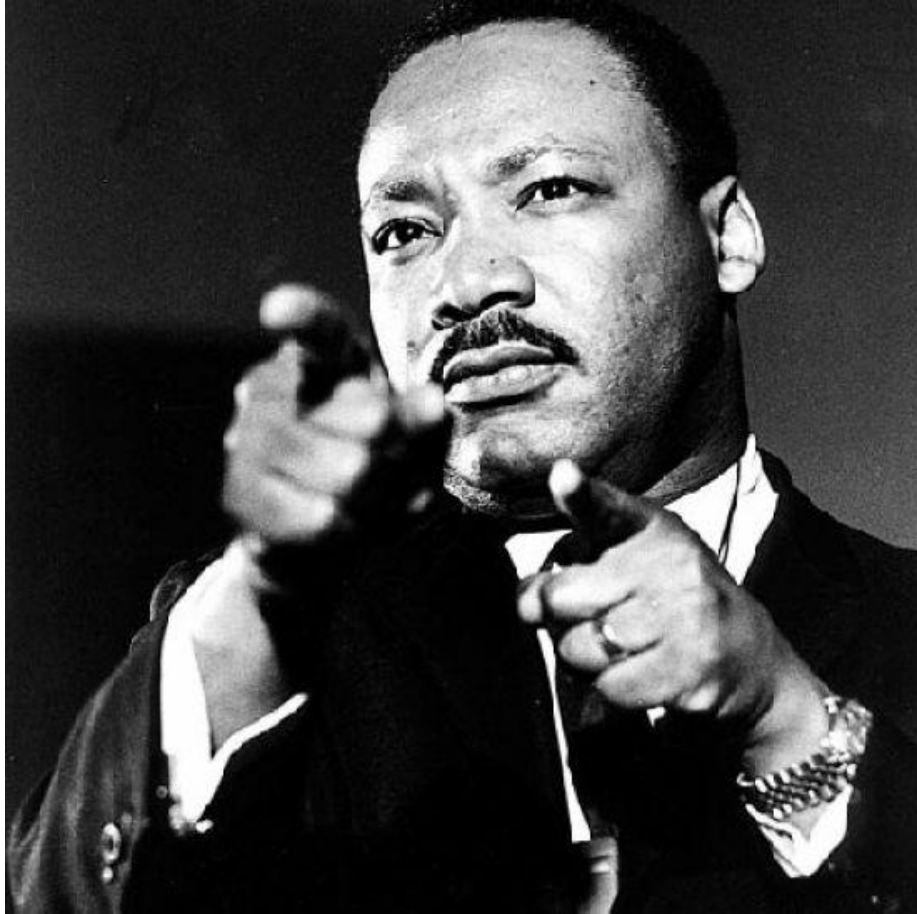


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# Definitions

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Describing this generation as the “Silent Generation” is a bit of a misnomer. In fact, many revolutionary leaders in the civil rights movement came from this group, along with a wide assortment of artists and writers who fundamentally changed the arts in America. The Beat Poets, for example, were members, as were Martin Luther King, Gloria Steinem, and many other notable agitators for change in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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# Questions

- 01** Why does the author think that his generation talked all the time and thought they would change the world with talk?
- 02** Why the author said that his father' s silence was one of the great mysteries of his life?
- 03** What did the silence between my father and I bring about?
- 04** What do you think the family relationships to our generation?
- 05** Do you agree with that talking face to face has lost its credibility or it has become devalued? Why?

# Questions

01

**Why does the author think that his generation talked all the time and thought they would change the world with talk?**

①The books they read were talky.

②They saw the world as an enormous question put to them.

③Their first thought was to get a word in edgewise to make themselves heard.

# Questions

02

**Why the author said that his father' s silence was one of the great mysteries of his life?**

- ① When I spoke to him, he failed to answer, or he didn' t even seem to hear me.
- ② There was no sign, no flicker in father' s face to show that I had spoken.
- ③ It was impossible to catch his attention because he had a way of turning his head to one side, like a horse.



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**What did the silence between my father and I bring about?**

- ① In my memory, my father's face is always turned.
- ② I felt all that I had to say thrilling along my nerves at our last chance to tack.
- ③ I took a great breath, opened my mouth like an opera singer, but only a sign came out.
- ④ I told him that I would miss him rather than I had always missed him.

# Questions

## **O4** What do you think the family relationships to our generation?

Good family relationships help us shape a positive character, and benefit us in many aspects, including making friends, studying, etc. While negative family relationships have the opposite influences.

# Questions

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**Do you agree with that talking face to face has lost its credibility or it has become devalued? Why?**

Of course not.

- ① Face-to-face communication is usually the most effective form because there is the least chance for a misunderstanding to occur.
- ② Face-to-face talking makes people more close to each other.

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# Structures

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**There are two opinions after we discussed, please read the passage quickly and then you are supposed to tell us which you agree with, or you have a new opinion.**

## **Aileen' s opinion:**

Paragraph 1~2: lead to the topic

Paragraph 3~5: my eagerness to talk

Paragraph 6~9: the story between my father and I

Paragraph 10~12: son makes me wonder.

## **Shela' s opinion:**

Paragraph 1:lead to the generation problem in my family

Paragraph 2~5:explain why my generation talked all the time

Paragraph 6~9: the story between my father and I

Paragraph 10~12: the story between my son and I

Thank you for listening

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