# Activity 2: Millennials – The Me Me Me Generation

## Part A: Definitions

Read the two paragraphs and match the words in **bold text**with their definitions.

“I am about to do what old people have done throughout history: call those younger than me lazy, **entitled**, selfish and shallow. But I have studies! I have statistics! I have quotes from respected academics! Unlike my parents, my grandparents and my great-grandparents, I have proof.

Here’s the cold, hard data: The incidence of **narcissistic**personality disorder is nearly three times as high for people in their 20s as for the generation that’s now 65 or older, according to the National Institutes of Health; 58% more college students scored higher on a narcissism scale in 2009 than in 1982. Millennials got so many participation trophies growing up that a recent study showed that 40% believe they should be **promoted**every two years, regardless of performance. They are **fame-obsessed**: three times as many middle school girls want to grow up to be a personal assistant to a famous person as want to be a Senator, according to a 2007 survey; four times as many would pick the assistant job over CEO of a major corporation. They’re so convinced of their own greatness that the National Study of Youth and Religion found the guiding morality of 60% of millennials in any situation is that they’ll just be able to feel what’s right. Their development is **stunted**: more people ages 18 to 29 live with their parents than with a spouse, according to the 2012 Clark University Poll of Emerging Adults. And they are lazy. In 1992, the nonprofit Families and Work Institute reported that 80% of people under 23 wanted to one day have a job with greater responsibility; 10 years later, only 60% did.”

Match the terms to the correct definitions below:

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| Term | Definition |
|  | To get a raise |
|  | Preventing from growing properly |
|  | Having too much interest in yourself |
|  | An excessive desire to be widely known |
|  | Having a right to certain benefits or favours |
| Options | |
| fame-obsessed, stunted, entitled, promoted, narcissistic | |

## Part B: Reflection

1. Do you agree with the claims made in the article above, *Millennials: The Me Me Me Generation*?  Why or why not?

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| Answer |
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Part C: Answer the Questions

1. Do you believe young people are obsessed with getting **promoted** in their workplaces these days?

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| Answer |
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2. In your opinion, do any of the five generations that are currently living feel more **entitled** than others?

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| Answer |
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