

## The Fountain of Youth

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### **Vocabulary:**

outdo  
sentiment  
quest  
hawk  
scams

### **Please read the article.**

Baby boomers desire youth, even as they age and retire. They seek to live a healthy, enjoyable, and active retirement. In fact, the need to outdo past generations in terms of health has become a common sentiment, with people striving to appear and act decades younger.

Botox treatments, hormone injections, and cosmetic surgery have all become flourishing industries. The effects are immediate, although no one yet knows the cost to long-term health. People may be jeopardizing their chances for longer and healthier lives in favor of focusing on short-term gains, as the side effects of treatments remain completely unknown when used over decades. What's more, in the quest to stay young, many have become victims of scams, as treatments are hawked with all sorts of unproven promises. And now there is having a trickledown effect on teens and twenty-something who similarly view as acceptable cosmetic surgery and other beauty treatments.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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