



Worksheet

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Speaking U3 Lesson 6A

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GENERALISING

1. Talking about What Is Generally True

We use these expressions to talk about what happens most of the time, or what is true for most people:

Expression	Example
On the whole, ...	On the whole, teenagers are very creative.
In general, ...	In general, people prefer to travel in summer.
In some/many/most cases, ...	In most cases, social media connects people.
Broadly speaking, ...	Broadly speaking, Generation Z are tech-savvy.
By and large, ...	By and large, people want to be happy.
More often than not, ...	More often than not, students enjoy group work.
Nine times out of ten, ...	Nine times out of ten, I listen to music while studying.
90 percent of the time, ...	90 percent of the time, we eat dinner together.
To some/a great extent, ...	To some extent, money can buy happiness.
... tend to think/say/believe ...	People tend to believe what they read online.
There's a tendency for ... to ...	There's a tendency for young people to multitask.

2. Acknowledging That You Are Generalising

We use these expressions to show we know our statement might not always be true:

Expression	Example
This is a bit of a sweeping statement, but ...	This is a bit of a sweeping statement, but older people prefer reading newspapers.
I may be overgeneralising, but ...	I may be overgeneralising, but men are less emotional than women.
You might think this is an overgeneralisation,	You might think this is an overgeneralisation, but children today are less

Expression	Example
but ...	active.

3. Practice: Rewrite the Sentences as Generalisations

Rewrite the following sentences using the expressions in brackets:

1 Generation Z spend a lot of time online. (**in general**)

→ _____

2 They know how to make the best of social media. (**on the whole**)

→ _____

3 They take offence very easily. (**tend**)

→ _____

4 They have an entrepreneurial spirit. (**nine times out of ten**)

→ _____

5 They like getting a bargain. (**in most cases**)

→ _____

6 They are into experiences rather than material possessions. (**to a great extent**)

→ _____

Answer Key

1. **In general**, Generation Z spend a lot of time online.

2. **On the whole**, they know how to make the best of social media.

3. They **tend** to take offence very easily.

4. **Nine times out of ten**, they have an entrepreneurial spirit.

5. **In most cases**, they like getting a bargain.

6. **To a great extent**, they are into experiences rather than material possessions.

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