

ROOTY PUZZLE™



DIRECTIONS: Use the root, part of speech and definition to solve each hidden word. A master root appears in every word. Today's root is **GEN** and means "race, kind".

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1. Not severe, rough or violent; kind or amiable; refined (adjective)

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2. To deteriorate; to decline in physical, mental or moral qualities (verb)

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3. Agreeable; suitable or pleasing in character or nature; having the same habits or taste (adjective)

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4. The 20-30 year interval between the birth of parents and birth of their offspring (noun)

1. Retirement home residents welcome ____ pets on Mondays and Fridays.
2. Bill's small argument with Max did ____ into an ugly shouting match.
3. Six ____ friends enjoy meeting once a week for breakfast at the cafe.
4. In the ____ of today's 80-year olds, ladies NEVER wore pants.

Answers: 1-gentle; 2-degenerate; 3-congenial; 4-generation