

Terms for age, newness:

1. Use of words like “old” “new” “young” in Arabic do not parallel the use in English. Note in English, both a car and a person can be “old” but only the person can be “young”. The chart below shows the different uses:

old	young, new	
عجوز	شاب	Human age
قديم	جديد	Age of things
قديم	حديث	Modern/ancient

2. Note also the difference in the word حديث , meaning “modern”. This word is used in contrast with قديم , rather than جديد when talking about things like history, literature, arts, etc. (A building constructed in 1990 may be “modern,” but not “new”). For example:

Ancient history	التاريخ القديم
Modern history	التاريخ الحديث
The old car	السيارة القديمة
The new car	السيارة الجديدة

MY AGE



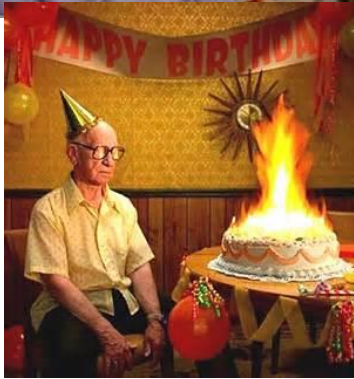
“Age” in Arabic is **عُمر** , and year is **سنة** or **عام**. Putting these together, you can understand the following statement:

عمري عشرون سنة

Exercise: For the following pictures, have the people give their age in a full sentence:



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