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## **Level 2**

### **One in three EU women experienced violence**

**8th March, 2014**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140308-violence-against-women-2.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140308-violence-against-women-2.html>

A third of women in the European Union have experienced violence in their life. An EU survey on basic human rights found that around 62 million women over the age of 15 have experienced violence. The EU interviewed 42,000 women. They talked about about violence at home and at work. This included rape, stalking, sexual harassment and online bullying. The survey found that 22 per cent of women suffered from violence by a husband or boyfriend. It also found that 67 per cent of women did not report serious domestic violence to the police.

The EU said that laws must change to protect women. They want to make domestic violence a crime. Police in many countries cannot stop domestic violence because it happens in the home. The survey's author said violence against women shows there is a lot of human rights abuses in EU countries. He said no one should ignore this. Violence against women is a huge problem that affects everyone. He added: "Violence against women does not just impact a few women only. It impacts on society every day." He also said there was a strong link between alcohol and violence.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-26444655>  
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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140308-violence-against-women-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. A third                          | a. bullying      |
| 2. basic human                      | b. 42,000 women  |
| 3. women over                       | c. by a husband  |
| 4. The EU interviewed               | d. rights        |
| 5. sexual                           | e. of women      |
| 6. online                           | f. to the police |
| 7. suffered from violence           | g. the age of 15 |
| 8. report serious domestic violence | h. harassment    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. laws must              | a. women                |
| 2. protect                | b. society every day    |
| 3. make domestic violence | c. abuses               |
| 4. it happens             | d. change               |
| 5. human rights           | e. a crime              |
| 6. a huge problem that    | f. alcohol and violence |
| 7. It impacts on          | g. affects everyone     |
| 8. a strong link between  | h. in the home          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ European Union have experienced violence in their life. An EU survey (2) \_\_\_\_\_ found that around 62 million women over the age of 15 have experienced violence. The EU (3) \_\_\_\_\_ women. They talked about about violence at home and at work. This included rape, stalking, sexual harassment (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The survey found that 22 per cent (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from violence by a husband or boyfriend. It also found that 67 per cent of women did not (6) \_\_\_\_\_ violence to the police.

The EU said that (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to protect women. They want to make domestic violence a crime. Police in many countries cannot stop domestic violence (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the home. The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ violence against women shows there is a lot of human rights abuses in EU countries. He said no one should ignore this. Violence against women (10) \_\_\_\_\_ affects everyone. He added: "Violence against women does not just impact (11) \_\_\_\_\_. It impacts on society every day." He also (12) \_\_\_\_\_ link between alcohol and violence.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140308-violence-against-women-2.html>

Write about **violence** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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