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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap.html>

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The World Economic Forum (WEF) found that the inequalities between the sexes had closed by only a small amount in the past year, since the last report was published. Researchers found that the largest gap between the sexes was in politics. It said: "Only 23 per cent of the political gap - unchanged since last year - has been closed, and no country has yet fully closed political empowerment gaps." Other wide gaps still exist in healthcare and education opportunities. The WEF said: "The equal contribution of women and men in this process of deep economic and societal transformation is critical. More than ever, societies cannot afford to lose out on the skills, ideas and perspectives of half of humanity."

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WARM-UPS

1. THE GENDER PAY GAP: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the gender pay gap. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

a long way / equality / annual / 200 years / worldwide / lag behind / average / official forum / amount / published / politics / country / gaps / contribution / lose / humanity

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. EQUALITY: Students A **strongly** believe there will be equality between the sexes one day; Students B **strongly** believe there won't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MEN AND WOMEN: Who are the best man and woman in these areas? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Best Man	Best Woman
Politics		
Business		
Sport		
Fashion		
Music		
Other _____		

5. GLOBAL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "global". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. GENDER GAPS: Rank these with your partner. Put the gender gaps that need addressing most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- pay
- politics
- education
- management positions
- healthcare
- marriage
- property
- law

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. achieve | a. A person or thing holding a position or performing a function that corresponds to that of a similar person or thing in another place. |
| 2. according to | b. As stated, said or written by. |
| 3. parity | c. Fall behind in movement, progress, or development; not keep pace with another or others. |
| 4. lag | d. Successfully bring about or reach a desired objective, level, or result, by effort, skill, or courage. |
| 5. earn | e. The state of being in short supply; shortage. |
| 6. counterpart | f. The state or condition of being equal, especially regarding status or pay. |
| 7. scarcity | g. Get or obtain money in return for labor or services. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. sexes | h. A total or dramatic change in form or appearance. |
| 9. empowerment | i. The part played by a person or thing in bringing about a result or helping something to advance. |
| 10. contribution | j. A point of view. |
| 11. transformation | k. Males and females. |
| 12. critical | l. The process of becoming stronger and more confident, especially in controlling one's life and claiming one's rights. |
| 13. perspective | m. The human race; human beings collectively. |
| 14. humanity | n. Expressing unfavorable or disapproving comments or judgments. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. It could be centuries before women achieve equal pay with men. **T / F**
- b. The Global Gender-Gap Forum produced a report. **T / F**
- c. Women earn around 25 per cent less than men worldwide. **T / F**
- d. There is a lack of women in senior management positions. **T / F**
- e. Inequalities between the sexes closed by a lot last year. **T / F**
- f. Researchers found the smallest gender gap to exist in politics. **T / F**
- g. The report said it was critical that women contribute equally to society. **T / F**
- h. The report says society can afford to lose out on the skills of humanity. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. achieve | a. equality |
| 2. annual | b. barriers |
| 3. parity | c. opinions |
| 4. lag | d. difference |
| 5. obstacles | e. yearly |
| 6. amount | f. completely |
| 7. gap | g. get |
| 8. fully | h. essential |
| 9. critical | i. number |
| 10. perspectives | j. fall behind |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. There is still a long | a. lose out |
| 2. 200 years before women and men worldwide | b. senior official roles |
| 3. women lag | c. between the sexes |
| 4. encounter significant | d. critical |
| 5. taking on managerial or | e. way to go |
| 6. inequalities | f. far behind |
| 7. Other wide gaps still | g. of humanity |
| 8. societal transformation is | h. obstacles |
| 9. societies cannot afford to | i. have economic parity |
| 10. perspectives of half | j. exist |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap.html>

There is still a long (1) _____ to go before women achieve economic equality with men. Centuries, in (2) _____. This is according to the recently-released annual Global Gender Gap Report from the World Economic Forum. It said it would take (3) _____ than 200 years before women and men worldwide have economic parity. The report found many areas in which women (4) _____ far behind today. One huge area is pay. Women around the world currently earn about 20-30 per cent less on (5) _____ than their male counterparts. A factor contributing to this is the (6) _____ of women in management (7) _____. The WEF said: "In the workplace, women still encounter significant obstacles in taking on managerial or (8) _____ official roles."

lag
fact
positions
average
senior
way
more
scarcity

The World Economic Forum (WEF) found that the inequalities between the (9) _____ had closed by only a small amount in the past year, since the last (10) _____ was published. Researchers found that the largest gap (11) _____ the sexes was in politics. It said: "Only 23 per cent of the (12) _____ gap - unchanged since last year - has been closed, and no country has yet fully closed political empowerment gaps." Other wide (13) _____ still exist in healthcare and education opportunities. The WEF said: "The equal contribution of women and men in this (14) _____ of deep economic and societal transformation is critical. More than ever, societies cannot (15) _____ to lose out on the skills, ideas and perspectives of half of (16) _____."

between
gaps
sexes
afford
political
humanity
report
process

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap.html>

- 1) There is still a long way to go before women achieve economic _____
 - a. equality with man
 - b. equality within men
 - c. equality with men
 - d. inequality with men
- 2) it would take more than 200 years before women and men worldwide have _____
 - a. economics parity
 - b. economic purity
 - c. economics purity
 - d. economic parity
- 3) The report found many areas in which women _____ today
 - a. lags far behind
 - b. lagged far behind
 - c. lagging far behind
 - d. lag far behind
- 4) earn about 20-30 per cent less on average than their _____
 - a. male counter parts
 - b. male counterparts
 - c. male country parts
 - d. male country ports
- 5) women still encounter significant obstacles in taking on managerial or _____
 - a. senior official rolls
 - b. senior official roles
 - c. senior official reels
 - d. senior official rails
- 6) closed by only a small amount in the past year, since the last report _____
 - a. was publish
 - b. was published
 - c. was publishing
 - d. was publisher
- 7) ...and no country has yet fully closed political _____
 - a. in power meant gaps
 - b. empower mint gaps
 - c. in power mint gaps
 - d. empowerment gaps
- 8) Other wide gaps still exist in healthcare and _____
 - a. educational opportunities
 - b. education opportunity
 - c. education opportune cities
 - d. education opportunities
- 9) women and men in this process of deep economic and societal _____
 - a. transform nation is critical
 - b. transformation is critical
 - c. transformational is critically
 - d. transformations critical
- 10) societies cannot afford to lose out on the skills, ideas and perspectives of _____
 - a. halve of humanity
 - b. half of humanity
 - c. half off humanity
 - d. half of human city

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The World Economic Forum (WEF) (7) _____ inequalities between the sexes had closed by only a small amount in the past year, since the (8) _____ published. Researchers found that the largest gap between the (9) _____ politics. It said: "Only 23 per cent of the political gap - unchanged since last year - has been closed, and no country (10) _____ closed political empowerment gaps." Other wide gaps still exist in healthcare and education opportunities. The WEF said: "The equal contribution of women and men (11) _____ of deep economic and societal transformation is critical. More than ever, societies cannot afford to lose out on the skills, ideas and perspectives of (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap.html>

1. What is the name of the report mentioned in the article?
2. What "huge area" did the report say women lagged far behind in?
3. How much less do women earn than men?
4. Where did the report say women "encounter significant obstacles"?
5. What did the report say there are obstacles to women taking on?
6. By how much has inequalities been reduced in the past year?
7. By how much did the report say the political gap had been closed?
8. How many countries have "fully closed political empowerment gaps"?
9. In which two areas did the article say wide gaps also existed?
10. What did the article say society can't lose out on half the perspectives of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap.html>

- 1) What is the name of the report mentioned in the article?
 - a) the Report on the Gap in Global Gender
 - b) the Gender Gap Global Report
 - c) the Global Gender Gap Report
 - d) the Report on the Global Gender Gap
- 2) What "huge area" did the report say women lagged far behind in?
 - a) pay
 - b) human rights
 - c) education
 - d) sports
- 3) How much less do women earn than men?
 - a) 25-30%
 - b) 20-30%
 - c) 20-35%
 - d) 25-35%
- 4) Where did the report say women "encounter significant obstacles"?
 - a) online
 - b) in the home
 - c) in society
 - d) the workplace
- 5) What did the report say there are obstacles to women taking on?
 - a) new staff
 - b) more work
 - c) senior official roles
 - d) promotions
- 6) By how much has inequalities been reduced in the past year?
 - a) 10%
 - b) a small amount
 - c) a lot
 - d) no one knows
- 7) By how much did the report say the political gap had been closed?
 - a) 20%
 - b) 21%
 - c) 22%
 - d) 23%
- 8) How many countries have "fully closed political empowerment gaps"?
 - a) one
 - b) none
 - c) 23
 - d) 72
- 9) In which two areas did the article say wide gaps also existed?
 - a) sports and leisure
 - b) healthcare and education
 - c) technology and the Internet
 - d) house and home
- 10) What did the article say society can't lose out on half the perspectives of?
 - a) humanity
 - b) professors
 - c) experts
 - d) reports

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap.html>

Role A – Pay

You think pay is the most important gender gap to be reduced. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as pressing to reduce. Also, tell the others which is the last of these that need addressing (and why): politics, education or sport.

Role B – Politics

You think politics is the most important gender gap to be reduced. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as pressing to reduce. Also, tell the others which is the last of these that need addressing (and why): pay, education or sport.

Role C – Education

You think education is the most important gender gap to be reduced. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as pressing to reduce. Also, tell the others which is the last of these that need addressing (and why): politics, pay or sport.

Role D – Sport

You think sport is the most important gender gap to be reduced. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as pressing to reduce. Also, tell the others which is the last of these that need addressing (and why): politics, pay or education.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'gender' and 'pay'.

gender	pay
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• way• 200• lag• earn• factor• taking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• between• published• politics• fully• process• half
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THE GENDER PAY GAP SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the gender pay gap in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

THE GENDER PAY GAP DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'gender'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. Why will it take 200 years for women to achieve equality?
5. Why do women lag behind men in so many areas?
6. What inequality between the sexes exists in your country?
7. Should companies be fined for paying women less?
8. Are men or women better managers?
9. What obstacles do women encounter in the workplace?
10. Would you prefer a male or female manager?

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THE GENDER PAY GAP DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'pay'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why is the gender gap closing so slowly?
15. Do men or women make better politicians?
16. How angry should women be at the inequality?
17. In what way would societies be better if equality was achieved?
18. What would society be like if men were less equal?
19. What countries do you know of that are unequal?
20. What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) whey | (b) weigh | (c) wait | (d) way |
| 2. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) at | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) post | (b) before | (c) pre | (d) after |
| 4. | (a) sag | (b) wag | (c) lag | (d) bag |
| 5. | (a) earn | (b) yearn | (c) learn | (d) fern |
| 6. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) by |
| 7. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) by |
| 8. | (a) since | (b) from | (c) for | (d) as |
| 9. | (a) full-time | (b) fully | (c) fuller | (d) full |
| 10. | (a) equals | (b) equality | (c) equal | (d) equalize |
| 11. | (a) criticize | (b) criticism | (c) critical | (d) critique |
| 12. | (a) up | (b) out | (c) off | (d) on |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap.html>

Paragraph 1

1. achieve economic qityauel with men
2. aalnnu Global Gender Gap Report
3. economic prytai
4. their male unparrtocest
5. the irccatsy of women in management
6. women still encounter significant seslbcota

Paragraph 2

7. inequalities between the seexs
8. since the last report was bepuhsdil
9. education tpotiurnoispe
10. The equal cnborinttiou of women and men
11. societal transformation is aticcilr
12. ideas and vpireestcesp

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () parity. The report found many areas in which women lag far behind today. One huge area is pay. Women around
- () women still encounter significant obstacles in taking on managerial or senior official roles."
- () opportunities. The WEF said: "The equal contribution of women and men in this process of deep
- () counterparts. A factor contributing to this is the scarcity of women in management positions. The WEF said: "In the workplace,
- (**1**) There is still a long way to go before women achieve economic equality with men. Centuries, in fact. This is according
- () The World Economic Forum (WEF) found that the inequalities between the sexes had closed
- () economic and societal transformation is critical. More than ever, societies cannot afford to lose
- () out on the skills, ideas and perspectives of half of humanity."
- () take more than 200 years before women and men worldwide have economic
- () the world currently earn about 20-30 per cent less on average than their male
- () by only a small amount in the past year, since the last report was published. Researchers found that the largest gap
- () closed, and no country has yet fully closed political empowerment gaps." Other wide gaps still exist in healthcare and education
- () to the recently-released annual Global Gender Gap Report from the World Economic Forum. It said it would
- () between the sexes was in politics. It said: "Only 23 per cent of the political gap - unchanged since last year - has been

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. to way is There go . a still long
2. it said years . It over would 200 take
3. in which lag Areas today . behind women far
4. of The scarcity in positions . management women
5. the obstacles . women In still significant workplace, encounter
6. the largest sexes was gap between politics . The
7. gaps . country closed No political yet has fully
8. still exist healthcare . in gaps wide Other
9. process . this in of The women contribution equal
10. out afford lose skills . Societies cannot on to

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap.html>

There is still a *long / length* way to go before women achieve economic equality with men. Centuries, in *factually / fact*. This is *accordance / according* to the recently-released annual Global Gender Gap Report from the World Economic Forum. It said it would take more than 200 years *before / prior* women and men worldwide have economic *parity / purity*. The report found many areas in which women *sag / lag* far behind today. One huge area is pay. Women around the world currently *earn / earning* about 20-30 per cent less on average than their male *counterparts / counterpoints*. A factor contributing to this is the *scarce / scarcity* of women in management positions. The WEF said: "In the workplace, women still encounter significant obstacles *in / on* taking on managerial or senior official roles."

The World Economic Forum (WEF) found that the inequalities *divide / between* the sexes had closed *by / at* only a small amount in the past year, since *the / a* last report was published. Researchers found that the largest gap between the sexes was *on / in* politics. It said: "Only 23 per cent of the political gap - unchanged *since / for* last year - has been closed, and no country has *yet / let* fully closed political empowerment gaps." Other wide gaps still *existence / exist* in healthcare and education opportunities. The WEF said: "The equal contribution of women and men *in / at* this process of deep economic and societal transformation is critical. More than *never / ever*, societies cannot afford to lose out on the skills, ideas and perspectives of *half / halve* of humanity."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap.html>

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. THE GENDER PAY GAP: Make a poster about the gender pay gap. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. EQUALITY: Write a magazine article about the world being a better place if there is total equality between the sexes. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this and with those who do not believe it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on the gender pay gap. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to create greater equality between the sexes. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. b 3. f 4. c 5. g 6. a 7. e
8. k 9. l 10. i 11. h 12. n 13. j 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T b F c T d T e F f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. achieve | a. get |
| 2. annual | b. yearly |
| 3. parity | c. equality |
| 4. lag | d. fall behind |
| 5. obstacles | e. barriers |
| 6. amount | f. number |
| 7. gap | g. difference |
| 8. fully | h. completely |
| 9. critical | i. essential |
| 10. perspectives | j. opinions |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The Global Gender Gap Report
2. Pay
3. 20-30 per cent
4. The workplace
5. Managerial or senior official roles
6. A small amount
7. 23 per cent
8. None
9. Healthcare and education
10. Humanity

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. There is still a long way to go.
2. It said it would take over 200 years.
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4. The scarcity of women in management positions.
5. In the workplace, women still encounter significant obstacles.
6. The largest gap between the sexes was politics.
7. No country has yet fully closed political gaps.
8. Other wide gaps still exist in healthcare.
9. The equal contribution of women in this process.
10. Societies cannot afford to lose out on skills.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)