



Level: Upper intermediate
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International Women's Day – 8th March



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1) *Discuss these quotes with a partner. What do you think the message of each quote is? What is your opinion about the quote, do you agree or disagree?*

- “There is nothing stronger than a broken woman who has rebuilt herself” (Hannah Gadsby).
- “Cinderella never asked for a prince. She asked for a night off and a dress” (Kiera Cass).
- “I am not free while any woman is unfree, even if her shackles are very different from my own” (Audre Lorde).

2) *Match the words on the left with their definitions on the right.*

1. emblematic	a) treating women and men equally
2. president	b) a museum located in the US that documents the history of rock music
3. prime minister	c) the difference between the average pay of two different groups of people, for example men and women
4. inducted	d) a law set by the government
5. the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame	e) representing a particular group, person or idea
6. gender equality	f) head of an elected government
7. pay gap	g) around the world
8. globally	h) housework (the work of keeping a house clean and tidy)
9. legal requirement	i) head of a country that is a republic
10. domestic work	j) introduced formally to an organisation or group

3) International Women's Day Quiz.

In pairs, decide whether the statements below are true or false.

When you have finished, check your answers.

1. New Zealand was the first country in the world to allow women to vote.
2. Pink is the **emblematic** colour of feminism.
3. The first country to democratically elect a female Prime Minister was Sri Lanka.
4. "One is not born, but rather becomes a woman" is a quote from Virginia Woolf.
5. Internationally, women become **presidents** more often than they become **prime ministers**.
6. Diana Ross was the first female performer to be **inducted** into **the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**.
7. Nina Simone is also known as the "Queen of Jazz".
8. Women in the United States won the right to vote in 1848.
9. Malala Yousafzai is the first female to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
10. Gwyneth Paltrow started the "He for She" United Nations campaign for **gender equality**.
11. In Iceland, it is illegal to have a **pay gap** between men and women.
12. **Globally**, 50% of nations have achieved **gender equality**.
13. International Women's Day was first celebrated in 1909.
14. International Women's Day was first celebrated in Berlin.
15. Rwanda has the highest percentage of women in parliament compared to other countries around the world.
16. In four countries around the world, it is a **legal requirement** for women to get **permission** from their husbands or fathers if they want to get a job.
17. On average, women spend two and a half hours per day doing unpaid **domestic work**.
18. Saudi Arabia first allowed women to drive cars in 2019.
19. In 1955, Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white man in Alabama.
20. Women are Heads of State and Government in 20 countries worldwide.

Answers:

2) 1. e, 2. i, 3. f, 4. j, 5. b, 6. a, 7. c, 8. g, 9. d, 10. h

3) International Women's Day Quiz.

1. True.
2. False, it is purple.
3. True.
4. False, it was Simone de Beauvoir who said it.
5. False, women become prime ministers more often than they become presidents.
6. False, it was Aretha Franklin.
7. False, it is Ella Fitzgerald
8. False, it was in 1920.
9. False... but she is the youngest!
10. False, it was Emma Watson (in 2014).
11. True. This came into force in January 2018.
12. False. No nation has achieved full gender equality.
13. True.
14. False, it was in New York.
15. True.
16. False. The answer is 18.
17. False, it is five hours.
18. True.
19. True.
20. True.