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Lesson Objective

The student shall be able to use "power words" as part of their oral vocabulary, read and comprehend both social and business language and demonstrate effective oral communication skills

Section One

Vocabulary

Match the correct word in column A with the definition in column B, then use in a sample sentence

Evaluation Criteria: Ability to understand definitions of English vocabulary

Column A	Column B
VOCABULARY	DEFINITION
1. GENDER (NOUN)	A. the state or quality of being equal; correspondence in quantity, degree, value, rank, or ability
2. EQUALITY (NOUN)	B. including a great deal, or encompassing everything concerned; comprehensive:
3. INCLUSIVE (ADJECTIVE)	C. serving to prepare for, intervene in, or control an expected occurrence or situation, especially a negative or difficult one; anticipatory:
4. FEMINIST (ADJECTIVE)	D. a person who is equal to another in abilities, qualifications, age, background, and social status.
5. HARASSMENT (NOUN)	E. pertaining to the production, distribution, and use of income, wealth, and commodities.
6. PROACTIVE (ADJECTIVE)	F. ability to do or act; capability of doing or accomplishing something.
7. PEER (NOUN)	G. the act or an instance of harassing, or disturbing, pestering, or troubling repeatedly; persecution:
8. ECONOMIC (ADJECTIVE)	H. advocating social, political, legal, and economic rights for women equal to those of men.
9. POWER (NOUN)	I. either the male or female division of a species, especially as differentiated by social and cultural roles and behavior:

Section Two

Reading Comprehension and Pronunciation skills.

Evaluation Criteria: Ability to effectively read and comprehend written English in a social or business environment.

ARTICLE A

CNN Asked, "What Single Thing Would You Change to Achieve Gender Equality"?

Source

- To celebrate International Women's Day, CNN asked women around the world, "What single thing would you change to improve gender equality where you are?"

Celebrities, athletes, politicians, businesswomen and activists joined in the conversation, with the overarching answer being education. From Iraq to India to Puerto Rico, women said gender equality begins with educating both boys and girls about equal rights and providing them the same opportunities to succeed. Many said quotas may be the way forward.





The theme of 2018's Women's Day is #PressforProgress, following a remarkable year that's seen the rise of the #MeToo movement, #TimesUp, and women's marches all over the world.

Here are some of the responses: **Ashley Graham, model**

"Honestly, to improve gender equality, we need to ensure that women see themselves portrayed -- all women see themselves portrayed -- in media, fashion, beauty and beyond.

2. **Bob Bland, co-founder of the Women's March**

"If there's one single thing that I would change to improve gender equality where I am, it would be to listen to women. Most people in America do not really listen to each other when they're talking and particularly for women, we have trouble being believed. We have trouble having our voices uplifted. We have trouble having our stories out there. And so, I would just encourage everyone in America to take some time to think when a woman is talking and really listen and believe her."

Caitlyn Jenner, TV personality

"My path to womanhood was very different and through that process I feel like I learned a lot about women. Women are brought up to kind of be a second-class citizen. Emotionally weaker. Physically weaker. I've always been inspired by strong women. And in particular, both by daughters: Kendall and Kylie."

3. **Namita Gokhale, writer and publisher, India**

"On women's day I want to say that I believe in the equal dignity of men, women and all the genders in between. We are the human species and we have to take responsibility for other people's dignity as well as ours. Having said that, I think for women the way to change things is by giving up on this futile sense of guilt that has been inbred into women across societies, across cultures -- and we always have this image of what we are supposed to do or what we are supposed to be."

Diane Von Furstenberg, fashion designer "Well, first of all, I think that when you do a job application, you should not have to say your sex."

4. **Andra Day, singer**

"I always say it starts with people's perception. You know what I mean. So, you know one of the things I always say is that as woman, it starts when communities come together. They value themselves. They value each other... We have to force people for equal pay. We have to, you know, force people for justice when we experience, you know, sexual abuse, verbal abuse, physical abuse. So, we as a community come together and we kind of push that agenda."

Dee Rees, screenwriter and director

"I think it would be that men get asked these same questions on the carpet. As women, we're constantly asked to interrogate our gender and men aren't. So, we are constantly talking about what it means to be a woman, but men need to really interrogate and talk about what it means to be a man, because it's that self-reflection that will lead to a broader conversation."

5. **Jessie Diggins, Olympic gold medalist in cross-country skiing**

"We have been so fortunate to have total equal footing with the men in our sport. And we're recognized not for what we do, but what we have achieved. We're given the same funding. We're given the same prize money. We're given the same opportunities, and we're given the same coaching. And we train the same as the men, too. And we train alongside them. So, we are so fortunate to have that and I really hope that other sports are able to have that as well.

Kikkan Randall, Olympic gold medalist in cross-country skiing

"We've really gotten to see the impact that our team can have as role models on all those out there. We do a lot of work with this organization -- Fast and Female -- where we really try to show girls that they can be involved in sports. They can still be girly. But they can be strong and successful and self-confident in whatever their dreams are. Our men's team is also doing an incredible job going out and inspiring ski communities around the country. And we've really just seen that by keeping everyone involved in sport and working together, you can have a lot of fun and we can chase our dreams."



6. Carmen Yulín Cruz, mayor of San Juan, Puerto Rico

"The one thing I would do to change gender equality or improve gender equality is to ensure that all of our education is gender-equality based. In San Juan, we have started teaching people in that way so we've taught all of our teachers that if you talk about a female doctor, you talk about a male doctor. If you're going to talk about a male artist you're also going to talk about a female artist. So that young girls and young women have role models that they can look up to, so that they know we rock!"

Maysoon al-Damluji, Iraqi member of Parliament

"If there is a single issue that I would choose it would be education, education and further education. I would like to see the day when a woman for instance would be the head of a tribal chieftain. So far it is very much a man orientated society and it is time that the wise cape of a woman took over the chieftain of a tribe."

7. Christiane Amanpour, anchor and chief international correspondent

It's a woman and man thing. And I believe it's a tipping point. So, I think this year, everyone can celebrate with real gusto and carry this movement on forward."

Tiffany Shlain, filmmaker, founder of Webby Awards & 50/50 day

"I think the single thing that's going to help us get there is quotas. You can call them inclusivity riders, whatever you want to call holding companies and governments accountable to get to true gender equity. And countries across Europe have been doing it and we're behind, so let's accelerate that pace of change."

8. Margaret Cho, actress and comedian

"We can have gender equality by having gender equality. It's not that hard to have gender equality." **Sheryl Crow, singer.**

"One change I would love to see to advance equality for women, which is so ridiculous, but here in Nashville, what I would love is to hear women on country radio."

Tzipi Livni, former Israeli foreign minister

"I think basically it's about the way we feel. And this is a combination in a way of Obama and Nike. Just do it. Yes we can. It's the need for every woman to understand that we can do it. That we have this inner strength. That nobody can say to us that we can't. And having different women working together is something that really strengthened me during the campaign and I hope by making my decision I give also strength to other women."

9. Muzoon Almellehan, Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF, Syria

"I want to convince everyone to fight for women's rights, especially men. As we want to see more men as feminist and that's the only way that we can achieve gender equality."

Mpumi Nobiva, Oprah Winfrey mentee, South Africa

"Just creating a space where we can even talk about the things that we go through is dynamic, it's powerful and it's transformative. So that's what I would encourage people who are watching this video to do, is to always create an inviting space for more and more women to open up about their truths."

Gretchen Carlson, former Fox News anchor

"Since jumping off a cliff 20 months ago and filing my sexual harassment lawsuit, I've been working diligently to change the laws on Capitol Hill to take arbitration clauses out of employment contracts"

10. Karuna Nundy, lawyer and activist, India

"If there was only one could change I could make I would make sure that there was 50% of the places, seats for judges on the Supreme Court were for women, because I think that would have a major effect down the line. Not only in terms of the jurisprudence of our courts but because you bring various perspectives then into the decisions that you make, but also, honestly



whenever we've had a brilliant woman judge on the court, it's had a positive, halo effect on the rest of us because then they believe women can be brilliant."

Ghada Saba, film director, Jordan

"The one change I would make is to educate girls and create an equal opportunity society. To equalize education opportunities and work opportunities and the right to freedom of choice"

ARTICLE B

5 Numbers To Have Handy When Men Ask Why There Is An International Women's Day

[Source](#)

1. As the Me Too movement unfurls across professions, places of learning and governments around the world, it seems we have entered a time of reckoning for gender inequality. But while voices of resistance grow louder, women everywhere still face deep discrimination purely on account of being women.



International Women's Day, a commemorative event taken up around the world on March 8, seeks to highlight the challenges women face.

Inevitably, there will be some who will pipe up across social media on Thursday to ask why we need this day, and why we aren't focusing on men more. So, if anyone asks, here are some handy statistics that reveal just why we must take every opportunity to shine a light on gender inequality

2. **217: the number of years women must wait for economic equality**

Women around the world will have to wait a whopping 217 years to have the same job and wage opportunities as men. That's more than eight generations away. Literally no woman alive right now will live to see worldwide economic equality.



This figure came from a World Economic Forum survey of 144 countries last October, which found that, for the first time since 2006, the gender gap is actually widening. While income may be rising globally, women are not sharing equally in the benefits. "There seems to be a slowdown in momentum when it comes to proactive measures being taken to address gender gaps, particularly in the workplace," said Vesselina Stefanova Ratcheva, an economist at WEF.

This exclusion comes at a cost. The McKinsey Global Institute calculated in 2015 that improving gender inequality could add as much as \$28 trillion to the global economy

3. **2059: the year women in the U.S. will receive equal pay**

Despite making up half the workforce, women in the U.S. cannot expect to be paid equally to their male peers until 2059. Florida women should see the gender pay gap closed first, in 2038, according to research from the Institute for Women's Policy Research. In Wyoming, however, women have to wait until 2153.



Women with full-time jobs still only earn 80 cents for every dollar earned by a man, according to 2016 figures. Women of color face even greater levels of inequality. African-American women earn 63 cents for every dollar men earn, and Hispanic and Latina women earn 54 cents on the dollar. While there are many complex reasons for this gap — some related to the choices women make, or feel they have to make, to have families — few would suggest the playing field is level between women and men.



This inequality has an inadvertent effect on the economy. Women who earn more are better able to provide for their families. An estimated half of all households in America with children under 18 have a mother who is a breadwinner: either a single mother or married mother who provides at least 40 percent of the family's earnings. If women received equal pay for equal work, research suggests the number of children with working mothers who live in poverty would halve. Plus, the U.S. economy would produce \$512.6 billion in additional income.

4. 130 million: the number of girls not in school

There are 130 million girls not in school globally, and 15 million elementary-school-age girls will never even set foot in a classroom. This has deep social and economic implications. Education is a key pathway out of poverty. According to World Bank research, girls who get an education tend to participate more in the labor market, earn more, have fewer children, more economic independence and have better health outcomes.



5. 100: the U.S. ranking for women's representation in government

Women make up 19.6 percent of the members of Congress, and 21 percent of the Senate. That puts the country 100th in the world for female political representation, sandwiched between Indonesia and Kyrgyzstan.

This underrepresentation matters. Women arrive in positions of power with distinct experience and frames of reference. Research shows, for example, that women are more likely than male counterparts to make bills which prioritize women and families. Then there's the role model issue — if girls and young women don't see themselves in politics, they are less likely to aim for political office themselves.



6. Nov. 19: the date of International Men's Day

In response to the inevitable avalanche of tweets asking why there isn't an International Men's Day, the answer is: YES, THERE IS. It's on Nov. 19.

It seeks to highlight discrimination against men and boys and celebrate positive male role models. It's not a zero-sum game; we can fight for equal rights for women as well as recognizing that men have challenges, stigmas and inequalities to overcome, too.

