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Men better at making up after a fight

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160807-making-up.html>

A new study shows that men are better than women at making up after a fight. The research was conducted by a team from Harvard University in the USA. It looked at the differences between how men and women made up with each other after same-sex sporting events. Lead author of the research, professor Joyce Benenson, concluded that men spend a longer time and put more effort into making up with their male sporting foes than women did with their female opponents. The researchers analysed recordings of tennis, table tennis, badminton and boxing involving men and women from 44 countries. They found that men spent considerably more time than women shaking hands and physically embracing.

Professor Benenson said she was surprised by her findings, especially at how women spent so little time making up with their rivals. She said: "What you'll see is that many times, females brush their fingers against each other....You're expected by the sport to do something but [with women] it's so frosty." This was in great contrast to men. Benenson observed that: "With the males, even with a handshake, you can see the warmth, the tightness of it." She added: "I expected this would be the least strong in boxing because you try to kill the other person, but it's the strongest in this sport. There really is this sense of love for your opponent, which is beyond my understanding."

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WARM-UPS

1. MAKING UP: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about making up. 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?

fight / sporting events / effort / opponents / recordings / boxing / shaking hands / surprised / rivals / brush / fingers / contrast / warmth / sense of love / understanding

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

3. BETTER: Students A **strongly** believe men are better than women at making up; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite is true. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DIFFERENCES: What are the big differences between men and women regarding these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Men	Women
Romance		
Money		
Humour		
Risk-taking		
Family		
Ambition		

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

6. MEN/WOMEN: Rank these with your partner. Put the things men/women surpass women/men most at doing at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- reading maps
- playing sports
- telling jokes
- cooking
- saving money
- driving
- keeping secrets
- singing

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160807-making-up.html>

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

- a. The research into men and women was carried out by Oxford University. **T / F**
- b. The researchers looked at recordings of 14 different sports. **T / F**
- c. The research looked at men and women in 44 countries. **T / F**
- d. The study found that women spent more time shaking hands. **T / F**
- e. A professor was not surprised by what she found out. **T / F**
- f. The study says women brush fingers in a frosty manner. **T / F**
- g. A professor said you can see the warmth in men's handshakes. **T / F**
- h. A researcher does not understand how boxers can show each other love. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. study | a. conclusions |
| 2. conducted | b. hugging |
| 3. involving | c. unfriendly |
| 4. considerably | d. noticed |
| 5. embracing | e. carried out |
| 6. findings | f. feeling |
| 7. frosty | g. a great deal |
| 8. observed | h. presumed |
| 9. expected | i. report |
| 10. sense | j. including |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. same- | a. effort into |
| 2. put more | b. you can see the warmth |
| 3. female | c. more time |
| 4. men spent considerably | d. by her findings |
| 5. physically | e. opponents |
| 6. she was surprised | f. contrast to men |
| 7. females brush their fingers | g. sex sporting events |
| 8. This was in great | h. embracing |
| 9. even with a handshake, | i. understanding |
| 10. beyond my | j. against each other |

GAP FILL

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A new study (1) _____ that men are better than women at making up after a fight. The research was conducted by a team from Harvard University in the USA. It looked at the (2) _____ between how men and women made up with each other after same-sex sporting (3) _____. Lead author of the research, professor Joyce Benenson, concluded that men (4) _____ a longer time and put more effort into making up with their male sporting (5) _____ than women did with their female opponents. The researchers analysed (6) _____ of tennis, table tennis, badminton and boxing involving men and women from 44 countries. They found that men spent (7) _____ more time than women shaking hands and physically (8) _____.

spend
shows
embracing
recordings
events
considerably
differences
foes

Professor Benenson said she was surprised by her (9) _____, especially at how women spent so little time making up with their (10) _____. She said: "What you'll see is that many times, females (11) _____ their fingers against each other....You're expected by the sport to do something but [with women] it's so (12) _____." This was in great (13) _____ to men. Benenson observed that: "With the males, even with a (14) _____, you can see the warmth, the tightness of it." She added: "I expected this would be the least strong in boxing because you try to kill the other person, but it's the strongest in this sport. There really is this (15) _____ of love for your opponent, which is beyond my (16) _____."

rivals
handshake
findings
understanding
frosty
sense
brush
contrast

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A new study shows that men are better than women at making up _____
 - a. after the fight
 - b. after any fight
 - c. after any fights
 - d. after a fight
- 2) how men and women made up with each other after same-_____ events
 - a. sex sport in
 - b. sex sporty in
 - c. sex sporting
 - d. sex sports in
- 3) men spend a longer time and put more effort into making up with their _____
 - a. male sporting foals
 - b. male sporting foes
 - c. male sporting hoes
 - d. male sporting holes
- 4) recordings of tennis, table tennis, badminton and boxing _____ women
 - a. involving men and
 - b. involved men and
 - c. involvement men and
 - d. involve in men and
- 5) men spent considerably more time than women shaking hands and _____
 - a. physically embarrassing
 - b. physically embracing
 - c. physically embossing
 - d. physically embassy
- 6) Professor Benenson said she was surprised _____
 - a. by that findings
 - b. by her finding
 - c. by that finding
 - d. by her findings
- 7) especially at how women spent so little time making up _____
 - a. with their ribald
 - b. with their libels
 - c. with their rivals
 - d. with their rivalries
- 8) You're expected by the sport to do something but [with women] _____
 - a. it's sew frosty
 - b. it's sow frosty
 - c. it's so frosty
 - d. it's snow frosty
- 9) With the males, even with a handshake, you can _____
 - a. see the warm
 - b. seen the warmth
 - c. see the warmth
 - d. see a warmth
- 10) There really is this sense of love _____
 - a. four your opponent
 - b. for your opponent
 - c. for yours opponent
 - d. for your opponents

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160807-making-up.html>

1. Which university conducted the study?
2. What kind of sporting events did the researchers look at?
3. Who is Joyce Benenson?
4. How many countries did the researchers look at?
5. What did men do more time shaking?
6. What did women spend so little time doing with their rivals?
7. What did females brush against each other?
8. What did Ms Benenson say people could see the warmth in with men?
9. What sport did Ms Benenson think should be the least friendly?
10. What did Ms Benenson say was beyond her understanding?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160807-making-up.html>

- 1) Which university conducted the study?
 - a) Tokyo
 - b) Sorbonne
 - c) Harvard
 - d) Oxford
- 2) What kind of sporting events did the researchers look at?
 - a) same-sex sporting events
 - b) martial arts
 - c) team sports
 - d) the Olympics
- 3) Who is Joyce Benenson?
 - a) a foe
 - b) a sports woman
 - c) a fighter
 - d) a researcher
- 4) How many countries did the researchers look at?
 - a) 24
 - b) 44
 - c) 4
 - d) 14
- 5) What did men spend more time shaking?
 - a) money
 - b) shakers
 - c) hands
 - d) heads
- 6) What did women spend so little time doing with their rivals?
 - a) competing
 - b) making up
 - c) chatting
 - d) fighting
- 7) What did females brush against each other?
 - a) sports equipment
 - b) their uniform
 - c) their hair
 - d) their fingers
- 8) What did Ms Benenson say people could see the warmth in with men?
 - a) eyes
 - b) handshakes
 - c) smiles
 - d) bodies
- 9) What sport did Ms Benenson think should be the least friendly?
 - a) boxing
 - b) tennis
 - c) table tennis
 - d) badminton
- 10) What did Ms Benenson say was beyond her understanding?
 - a) warmth
 - b) sport
 - c) women making up
 - d) boxers' love for their opponents

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Flowers

You think giving flowers is the best way to make up. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): a restaurant meal, a hug or saying, 'I'm sorry'.

Role B – Restaurant meal

You think a restaurant meal is the best way to make up. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): flowers, a hug or saying, 'I'm sorry'.

Role C – Hug

You think a hug is the best way to make up. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): a restaurant meal, flowers or saying, 'I'm sorry'.

Role D – Saying, 'I'm sorry'

You think saying, 'I'm sorry' is the best way to make up. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): a restaurant meal, a hug or flowers.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1608/160807-making-up.html>

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

men	women

- 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">• conducted• events• author• effort• recordings• hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• findings• brush• frosty• great• kill• love
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MAKING UP SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about making up 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.

MAKING UP DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What springs to mind when you hear the term 'making up'?
3. How good are you at making up with other people?
4. What surprised you about what you read?
5. Why do you think men are better at making up?
6. Are men better at making up with partners in a relationship?
7. Can you give examples of men making up with sporting rivals?
8. What do you fight with other people about?
9. Is it always best to be the first person to try and make up?
10. Has there been anyone you didn't make up with?

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MAKING UP DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What is the difference between 'making up' and 'putting on make up'?
13. Why do women put such little effort into making up with opponents?
14. Why are women so frosty to their opponents?
15. Are men better at making up in other areas of life?
16. Why do boxers seem to love each other so much after they fight?
17. Should points be awarded to sports stars for the best making up effort?
18. What's the best way to make up?
19. Should there be rules for making up?
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) flight | (b) fight | (c) fright | (d) freight |
| 2. | (a) diffident | (b) different | (c) differentials | (d) differences |
| 3. | (a) precluded | (b) concluded | (c) secluded | (d) included |
| 4. | (a) up to | (b) unto | (c) onto | (d) into |
| 5. | (a) foes | (b) flows | (c) foals | (d) hose |
| 6. | (a) considerably | (b) considerable | (c) considerate | (d) consideration |
| 7. | (a) on | (b) to | (c) of | (d) by |
| 8. | (a) brush | (b) blush | (c) brash | (d) bruise |
| 9. | (a) compact | (b) contrast | (c) contest | (d) content |
| 10. | (a) tightly | (b) tighten | (c) tightness | (d) tight |
| 11. | (a) expectant | (b) expecting | (c) expected | (d) expectation |
| 12. | (a) common | (b) sense | (c) wisdom | (d) feelings |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. onectducd by a team from Harvard
2. lead turhao of the research
3. female psepoton
4. nrviliogy men and women
5. men spent banodrisycle more time
6. physically iagcenrmb

Paragraph 2

7. making up with their aivrsl
8. You're xtepdece by the sport to do something
9. with women it's so trfyso
10. This was in great toacnstr to men
11. Benenson esovdber that
12. bondye my understanding

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () because you try to kill the other person, but it's the strongest in this sport. There really
- () contrast to men. Benenson observed that: "With the males, even with a handshake, you can see the
- () Professor Benenson said she was surprised by her findings, especially at how women spent so
- () tennis, badminton and boxing involving men and women from 44 countries. They found that men spent
- () little time making up with their rivals. She said: "What you'll see is that many times, females brush their fingers
- () warmth, the tightness of it." She added: "I expected this would be the least strong in boxing
- () is this sense of love for your opponent, which is beyond my understanding."
- () against each other....You're expected by the sport to do something but [with women] it's so frosty." This was in great
- () considerably more time than women shaking hands and physically embracing.
- () foes than women did with their female opponents. The researchers analysed recordings of tennis, table
- () up with each other after same-sex sporting events. Lead author of the research, professor Joyce Benenson, concluded
- () by a team from Harvard University in the USA. It looked at the differences between how men and women made
- () that men spend a longer time and put more effort into making up with their male sporting
- (**1**) A new study shows that men are better than women at making up after a fight. The research was conducted

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. up after a fight Men are better than women at making .
2. was a Harvard research by from The conducted team University .
3. each with up made Women events sporting sex same- after other .
4. put and time longer a spend Men up making into effort more .
5. considerably shaking more hands time Men than spent women .
6. time with Women little up rivals so making their spent .
7. by expected You're something do to sport the .
8. can warmth a you the with , see Even handshake .
9. in expected be strong I would least boxing this the .
10. this love opponent is of your really sense for There .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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A new study shows that men are better than women at making up after a fight. The research was *conducted / conduction* by a team from Harvard University in the USA. It looked at the *differentials / differences* between how men and women made up with *each / one* other after same-sex sporting events. *Lead / Leader* author of the research, professor Joyce Benenson, *concluded / conclusion* that men spend a longer time and put more *affront / effort* into making up with their male sporting *foes / flows* than women did *of / with* their female opponents. The researchers analysed recordings of tennis, table tennis, badminton and boxing *involving / involvement* men and women from 44 countries. They found that men spent considerably more time than women shaking hands and physically *embracing / embraced*.

Professor Benenson said she was *surprises / surprised* by her findings, especially at *how / now* women spent so little *timing / time* making up with their *rivalry / rivals*. She said: "What you'll see is that many times, females brush their fingers against each other...You're *expected / expelled* by the sport to do something but [with women] it's so frosty." This was in great contrast *two / to* men. Benenson observed that: "With the males, even with a handshake, you can see the *warm / warmth*, the tightness of it." She added: "I expected this would be the least *strength / strong* in boxing because you try to kill the other person, but it's the strongest in this sport. There really is this *scents / sense* of love for your opponent, which is *beyond / before* my understanding."

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)

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p_ rs_ n, b_ t _ t's th_ str_ ng_ st _ n th_ s sp_ rt. Th_ r_ _
r_ _ lly _ s th_ s s_ ns_ _ f l_ v_ f_ r y_ _ r _ pp_ n_ nt, wh_ ch
_ s b_ y_ nd my _ nd_ rst_ nd_ ng."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 differences between men and women. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SPORTS STARS: Make a poster about sports stars. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. MAKING UP: Write a magazine article about sports stars having to make up according to a new set of rules. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 making up in sports. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how men and women can make a better job of making up. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. study | a. report |
| 2. conducted | b. carried out |
| 3. involving | c. including |
| 4. considerably | d. a great deal |
| 5. embracing | e. hugging |
| 6. findings | f. conclusions |
| 7. frosty | g. unfriendly |
| 8. observed | h. noticed |
| 9. expected | i. presumed |
| 10. sense | j. feeling |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Harvard University
2. Same-sex sporting events
3. The lead researcher (and a professor)
4. 44
5. Hands
6. Making up
7. Their fingers
8. Handshakes
9. Boxing
10. Boxer's sense of love for their opponents

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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