

## Hollywood women fight sexual harassment

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Over 300 women in Hollywood have joined together to fight sexual harassment. They have started a movement called 'Time's Up'. They want men to know that time is up for women not being treated fairly and equally. They are angry about the inequality in the movie

industry and the amount of harassment working-class women face around the USA. The women are famous actresses, as well as female agents, directors, executives and producers. The group paid for a letter to be printed in newspapers. It said: "The struggle for women to break in, to rise up the ranks and to simply be heard and acknowledged in male-dominated workplaces must end". It added that "time's up" for men controlling everything.

The Time's Up movement started in October, soon after many top actresses reported that movie producer Harvey Weinstein had sexually harassed them. Its leaders have asked actresses to wear black when they walk along the red carpet of The Golden Globes awards ceremony on Sunday. They want women to use the red carpet to speak out against gender and racial inequality. Actress Eva Longoria said: "For years, we've sold these awards shows as women, with our gowns and colors and our beautiful faces and our glamour." She added that: "This time, the industry cannot expect us to go up and twirl around. That's not what this moment is about."

Sources:  
[nytimes.com](http://nytimes.com) / [hollywoodreporter.com](http://hollywoodreporter.com) / [usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com)

## Writing

Hollywood can do a lot to reduce sexual harassment and sexual inequality. Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

women / Hollywood / harassment / inequality / movie industry / struggle / ranks / movement / movie producer / red carpet / awards ceremony / glamour / industry

## True / False

- More than 300 women in Hollywood are fighting sexual harassment. T / F
- The women are angry about the harassment of working-class women. T / F
- All of the women are famous actors. T / F
- The women said it is time for male domination to end. T / F
- The women started their movement back in October. T / F
- Female actors were asked to wear red at an awards ceremony. T / F
- An actress said she sells her gowns at awards shows. T / F
- The actress asked women to twirl on an awards show red carpet. T / F

## Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>movement</b>     | a. announced  |
| 2. <b>fairly</b>       | b. fight      |
| 3. <b>angry</b>        | c. beauty     |
| 4. <b>struggle</b>     | d. annoyed    |
| 5. <b>acknowledged</b> | e. imbalance  |
| 6. <b>reported</b>     | f. campaign   |
| 7. <b>awards</b>       | g. spin       |
| 8. <b>inequality</b>   | h. recognized |
| 9. <b>glamour</b>      | i. justly     |
| 10. <b>twirl</b>       | j. prizes     |

## Discussion – Student A

- How surprised are you at sexual harassment in Hollywood?
- What do you think of the Time's Up movement?
- When will women be treated fairly and equally?
- Should we stop going to the cinema to support the women?
- How effective do you think the 'Time's Up' movement will be?
- Do you think men like male-dominated workplaces?
- Why do men think they can control everything?
- What advice do you have for the women?

## Phrase Match

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. joined together to fight          | a. around               |
| 2. being treated fairly              | b. the ranks            |
| 3. the amount of harassment working- | c. started in October   |
| 4. rise up                           | d. and equally          |
| 5. in male-                          | e. red carpet           |
| 6. The Time's Up movement            | f. and our glamour      |
| 7. walk along the                    | g. sexual harassment    |
| 8. our beautiful faces               | h. is about             |
| 9. go up and twirl                   | i. dominated workplaces |
| 10. That's not what this moment      | j. class women face     |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What should the punishment be for sexual harassment?
- How effective will wearing black on the red carpet be?
- Should women do more to protest on the red carpet?
- What should male actors do to support female actors?
- What three adjectives best describe this story, and why?
- Will sexual harassment ever disappear?
- What questions would you like to ask the women?

## Spelling

- They have started a mnveoetm
- being treated fairly and yqualle
- in the movie unsitrdy
- directors, evsxeuietc and producers
- The lgesgurt for women
- in male-oiamedtnd workplaces
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- The Golden Globes awards yrnoceem
- speak out against gernerd
- araicl inequality
- our beautiful faces and our alormgu
- go up and ltwir around

### Answers – Synonym Match

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

## Role Play

### Role A – Call the Police

You think calling the police is the best way to deal with harassment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): recording the harassment, saying no or talking to colleagues.

### Role B – Record the Harassment

You think recording the harassment is the best way to deal with harassment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): calling the police, saying no or talking to colleagues.

### Role C – Say No

You think saying no is the best way to deal with harassment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): recording the harassment, calling the police or talking to colleagues.

### Role D – Talk to Colleagues

You think talking to colleagues is the best way to deal with harassment. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): recording the harassment, saying no or calling the police.

## Speaking – Harrasment

Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways of dealing with harassment at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • tell colleagues | • call the police       |
| • make a blog     | • record the harassment |
| • tell the boss   | • talk to a friend      |
| • sue             | • say no                |

### Answers – True False

a	T	b	T	c	F	d	T	e	T	f	F	g	F	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.