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**Level 4 – 21st December, 2018**

## **Women to catch up with men's pay in 200 years**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap-4.html>

It will be 200 years before women achieve economic equality. This is according to the recently released annual Global Gender Gap Report from the World Economic Forum. Women lag far behind men in many areas. They currently earn about 20-30 per cent less on average than men. One reason for this is the lack of women in management positions. The report said: "Women still encounter significant obstacles in taking on managerial or senior official roles."

The World Economic Forum said inequality closed by only a small amount this year. The largest gap between the sexes was in politics. It said: "Only 23 per cent of the political gap...has been closed, and no country has...closed political empowerment gaps." Gaps still exist in healthcare and education. The report said: "The equal contribution of women and men...is critical....Societies cannot afford to lose out on the skills...of half of humanity."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 200 years before women achieve | a. than men             |
| 2. recently                       | b. management positions |
| 3. Women lag far behind men       | c. released             |
| 4. 30 per cent less on average    | d. official roles       |
| 5. One reason                     | e. economic equality    |
| 6. the lack of women in           | f. obstacles            |
| 7. encounter significant          | g. for this             |
| 8. managerial or senior           | h. in many areas        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The World Economic              | a. out on the skills     |
| 2. a small                         | b. Forum                 |
| 3. The largest gap between the     | c. in healthcare         |
| 4. closed political empowerment    | d. humanity              |
| 5. Gaps still exist                | e. sexes was in politics |
| 6. The equal contribution          | f. gaps                  |
| 7. Societies cannot afford to lose | g. of women              |
| 8. half of                         | h. amount this year      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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It will be 200 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ achieve economic equality. This is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ recently released annual Global Gender Gap Report from the World Economic Forum. Women (3) \_\_\_\_\_ men in many areas. They (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 20-30 per cent less on average than men. One reason for (5) \_\_\_\_\_ lack of women in management positions. The report said: "Women still encounter significant obstacles in taking on managerial or (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

The World Economic Forum said inequality (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a small amount this year. The largest gap (8) \_\_\_\_\_ was in politics. It said: "Only 23 per cent of the political gap... (9) \_\_\_\_\_, and no country has...closed political empowerment gaps." (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in healthcare and education. The report said: "The equal contribution of women and (11) \_\_\_\_\_....Societies cannot afford to lose out on the skills...of (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# THE GENDER PAY GAP SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181221-gender-pay-gap-4.html>

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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

