

What do men and women say about each other?

READING

5A Do you think statements 1–4 are about men or women? Who said them: men or women?

- 1 They do things first, and think about the risks later.
- 2 They remember useless information.
- 3 They notice when something is dirty or needs replacing.
- 4 They always remember birthdays and anniversaries.

B Read the text and check.

C Write the name of the person who makes similar statements to the ones below.

- 1 Men hate to say, 'I don't know'. *Aisha*
- 2 Men cannot 'multi-task'; they can only concentrate on one thing at a time. _____
- 3 Men are very direct when they need something. _____
- 4 Women are more fluent than men when they speak.
- 5 Women are more maternal; they understand what is good for young children. _____
- 6 Women have better memories for dates than men. _____

D Find words in the text to match definitions 1–5.

- 1 the ability to see the position, size or shape of things (paragraph 2) _____
- 2 give you the tools or abilities that you need (paragraph 2) _____
- 3 more or to a greater degree (paragraph 3) _____
- 4 not closely (paragraph 5) _____
- 5 natural abilities or feelings that make people and animals know something (paragraph 7) _____

VOCABULARY PLUS

collocations with

take/get/do/go

6 Complete the phrases with *take*, *get*, *do* or *go*. Use each verb three times.

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| 1 <i>get</i> a job | 7 _____ grey |
| 2 _____ off coffee | 8 _____ her a favour |
| 3 _____ part in a quiz | 9 _____ responsibility |
| 4 _____ some research | 10 _____ angry |
| 5 _____ my homework | 11 _____ up the guitar |
| 6 _____ on with people | 12 _____ for a walk |

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Men and Women – What They Say About Each Other

- 1 The battle of the sexes has probably been going on since the first caveman left his dirty dishes on the floor of the cave. A subject of endless discussion, it has inspired a million jokes and articles and almost as many books.
- 2 However, a recent study tells us that men and women really do think differently. Our brains are built in a different way. The results of the study suggest that men have better spatial perception (driving, ball sports), while women's brains equip them better for remembering words and speaking fluently.
- 3 The scientists examined only a small part of the brain, and they say that further research needs to be done. Here at *chatzone1* we have done some less scientific research. We asked people, 'What are the differences between the sexes?' Here are their answers.

What women say about men

- 1 Men remember useless information, like how fast an aeroplane can go, even if they'll never fly one. (Heather)
- If you ask a man a question, he'll always have an answer, even if it's the wrong one. (Aisha)
- Men do things first, and think about the risks later. (Candy)
- Men cannot watch sport on TV and talk to women at the same time. (Mai)

What men say about men

- 1 Men know that common house spiders aren't as dangerous as rattlesnakes. (Daniel)
- Men can drive without looking at themselves in the mirror every ten seconds. (Ron)
- Men can watch a whole film without interrupting to ask, 'Who is he?' 'What's her job?' 'Does he like her?' (Alfred)
- When men want something, they ask for it instead of making a comment distantly related to the subject and hoping their partner will guess what the real subject is. (Guy)

What men say about women

- 1 Women couldn't invent weapons that kill, only weapons that make you feel really guilty until you say sorry. (Kent)
- While men speak in sentences, women speak in paragraphs. (Sergio)
- Women are happy to own twenty CDs, while men need 200. (Steve)
- Women order salad, then eat the man's chips. (Kazeem)

What women say about women

- 1 Women have natural instincts about what is dangerous for babies. (Linda)
- Women notice when something is dirty or needs replacing. (Carol)
- Only women can understand other women. (Xun)
- Women have a calendar in their brains: we remember birthdays and anniversaries easily. (Avril)