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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.

1	get 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

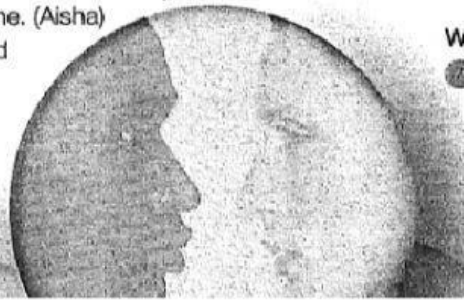
1 The battle of the sexes has probably been going on since the first caveman left his dirty dishes on the floor of the cave. A subject of endless discussion, it has inspired a million jokes and articles and almost as many books.

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

4 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

5 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

6 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

7 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)

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