

Unit 15 - Listening - Gap-filling



Listen and fill in the missing information in the numbered space.

Women hold up half the sky. This is an old Chinese saying. However, research (1) _____ that perhaps women do more than their share of “holding up the sky”. Fifty percent of the world’s (2) _____ are women, but nearly two-thirds of all working hours are done by women. They do most of the (3) _____ work like cooking and washing clothes. Millions also work outside the home. Women hold (4) _____ percent of all the world’s jobs. For this work, they earn only 40 to 60 percent as much as men, and of course they earn (5) _____ for their domestic work.

In developing countries, where (6) _____ of the world’s population lives, women produce more than half of the food. In Africa, 80 percent of all (7) _____ work is done by women.

In parts of Africa, this is a (8) _____ day for a village woman. At 4.45 am, she gets up, washes, and eats. It takes her half an hour to walk to the (9) _____, and she works there until 3.00 pm. She collects (10) _____ until 4.00 pm then comes back home. She spends the next hour and a half preparing food to cook. Then she collects water for another hour. From 6.30 to 8.30 she cooks. After dinner, she spends an hour (11) _____ the dishes. She then goes to bed at 9.30 pm.

