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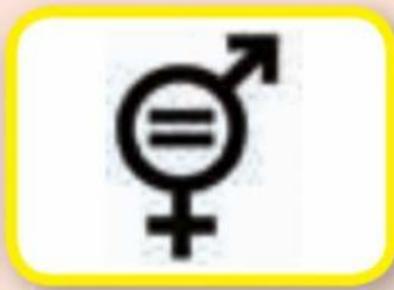
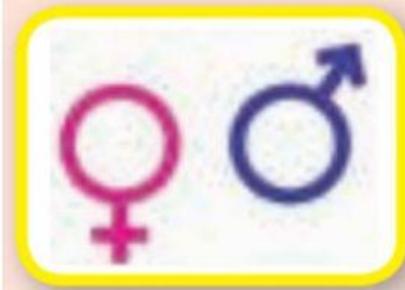
GENDER EQUALITY

Reading

Activity 1:

Gender equality in employment

1 Look at the symbols. What do they stand for?



2 Match each of the words with its meaning. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. preference (n)

a. the act of controlling something; a restriction

2. sue (v)

b. the state of feeling sad and alone

3. pursue (v)

c. a greater interest in someone / something than someone / something else

4. loneliness (n)

d. follow a course or activity in an effort to gain something

5. limitation (n)

e. bring somebody to court because they have done something harmful to you

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Activity 2: Find the words/phrases you hear in the text on page 9 (Book 2) and fill in the table with appropriate information. (0) is done as an example.

Listen!!!	Word/phrase	Part of Speech	Is it in the text on page 9?
	0. <u>get rid of</u>	phrase	NO
	1. _____	_____	_____
	2. _____	_____	_____
	3. _____	_____	_____
	4. _____	_____	_____
	5. _____	_____	_____
	6. _____	_____	_____
	7. _____	_____	_____



As a young girl, Brenda Berkman always dreamt of becoming a firefighter,

although she was aware of gender preference in favour of boys. In 1977, she applied for a firefighter's position at the New York City Fire Department (FDNY).

Even though she was a marathon runner, she failed the physical test. But Brenda didn't give up. She sued New York City and the FDNY for gender discrimination and won. A new 'fairer' test was created, so she and 40 other women passed. Brenda's dream of becoming a firefighter came true.

However, she and other female firefighters became the targets of laughter and anger from the co-workers and local people. They were unwelcomed at meals, faced loneliness and even violence.

There weren't any limitations on women's service at FDNY. The women firefighters had to do exactly the same jobs as their male workers. To pursue a 'man's job' Brenda Berkman and other women had to work very hard. They paid a heavy price to win equality. They were successful and even became the subjects of a documentary called *Taking the Heat* in 2006.

Brenda Berkman's story shows that gender differences cannot prevent a person from pursuing a job. Success comes to those who have enough courage and will.