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Read UK: International Women's Day – exercises

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article about International Women's Day and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–j next to the numbers 1–10.

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| 1..... an achievement | a. to increase knowledge and understanding |
| 2..... a protest | b. a person's identity as male or female |
| 3..... global | c. a public event to show disagreement with something |
| 4..... an NGO | d. something positive that you work hard to do |
| 5..... a citizen | e. a subject or problem that people are discussing |
| 6..... to raise awareness | f. a non-governmental organisation (similar to a charity) |
| 7..... an issue | g. a series of actions to achieve a particular goal |
| 8..... to launch | h. a person who lives in and belongs to a particular place |
| 9..... a campaign | i. involving the whole world |
| 10..... gender | j. to introduce something new |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. International Women's Day takes place every year on March 9. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. International Women's Day is only celebrated in a few countries. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. International Women's Day started over a hundred years ago. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. All women around the world can have a holiday on March 8. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. The idea of International Women's Day is to raise awareness about issues that affect women. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. Less than a third of the top jobs in the UK are occupied by women. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. Emma Watson's campaign is called SheForHer. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. The HeForShe campaign only involves women and men aren't allowed to take part. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

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2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

gender	launch	global	protest
achievement	campaign	raising awareness	issue

1. It was a real _____ to become the first female astronaut.
2. When a lot of people disagree with something they can organise a _____ in a public space, to make their voices heard.
3. A _____ event involves lots of countries around the world.
4. Emma Watson's HeForShe campaign is _____ about gender equality.
5. When you want to tell a lot of people about a new project you _____ it by talking to the press.
6. A _____ is a series of actions to reach a goal.
7. A person's _____ is their identity as male or female.
8. A problem or subject can also be called an _____.

Discussion

What do you think about International Women's Day?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learned in this lesson.