

1. Read. Match the words in pink to their definitions.



International Women's Day is celebrated on 8th March every year. It is a day to remember the fight for women's rights and to celebrate the **achievements** of women around the world. One of the most important movements in history was the suffragette **movement**, which helped women get the right to **vote**.

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, women in many countries could not vote. They were expected to stay at home and take care of the family, while men made political decisions. Many women believed this was unfair, so they started to protest. In the United Kingdom, a group called the suffragettes, led by Emmeline Pankhurst, fought for women's voting rights. They organised marches, gave speeches, and sometimes even went to prison for their actions.

The suffragettes faced many challenges. Some people thought women should not be involved in politics. The **government** often ignored them, so the suffragettes used more extreme actions like chaining themselves to buildings and breaking windows to get attention. In 1913, a suffragette named Emily Davison died after running onto a **racetrack** during a horse race to protest for women's rights.

Their **efforts** finally brought success. In 1918, some women in the UK won the right to vote, and by 1928, all women could vote, just like men. Similar movements happened in other countries, helping women gain more rights.

Today, International Women's Day reminds us of the suffragettes' **struggle** and the importance of **equality**. Women's rights have improved, but there is still work to do. The suffragettes' **courage** teaches us to **stand up for** fairness and never give up.



- To show support for something or someone, especially when it is difficult. → _____
- A group of people in charge of a country. → _____
- A long and difficult fight for something important. → _____
- Something important that you succeed in doing. → _____
- The same rights and opportunities for everyone. → _____
- A group of people working together for a goal. → _____
- Trying hard to do something. → _____
- A place where people or animals race. → _____
- The ability to do something difficult or dangerous without fear. → _____
- To make a choice in an election. → _____

2. Mark the sentences true or false.

1. International Women's Day is celebrated on the 10th of March. _____
2. The government supported the Suffragettes from the beginning. _____
3. Emmeline Pankhurst was an important leader of the movement. _____
4. Women in the UK got the right to vote immediately after the protests started. _____
5. The Suffragettes wore chains and protested in the streets. _____

3. Complete each gap with one word.

1. The Suffragettes were a _____ of women fighting for their rights.
2. One of their main goals was to get the right to _____.
3. Some women chained themselves to buildings to get people's _____.
4. Many Suffragettes were arrested and sent to _____.
5. Today, the struggle for women's _____ and equality continues around the world.