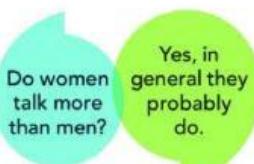


3B

Men, women, and children

G articles: a / an, the, no article V collocation: verbs / adjectives + prepositions

P /ə/, two pronunciations of the



1 SPEAKING & READING

a **3.17** Listen to three people talking about men and women and complete the **highlighted** expressions. Do you agree with their opinions?

Generalizing

- 1 **Generally** _____, I think it's true that women worry more about their appearance than men. They spend longer choosing what to wear, doing their hair, and things like that.
- 2 I don't think it's true that men are more interested in sport than women. However, _____ **the whole**, I think women _____ to have fewer opportunities to actively participate in sport.
- 3 I think that **in** _____, men worry about their health more than women. Hypochondriacs are _____ men, not women.

b In small groups, discuss the statements below. Say if you think they are a) completely true, b) partly true, or c) completely untrue. Try to use the **highlighted** expressions from a.

Do you think it's true?

- Men make better bosses than women.
- Women are more caring than men.
- Men are better at telling jokes than women.
- Women talk more than men.
- Men are better at navigating than women.
- Women are worse at maths than men.
- Men are more competitive than women.
- Women panic more than men in stressful situations.
- Men are better at assembling IKEA furniture than women.
- Women can multitask better than men.

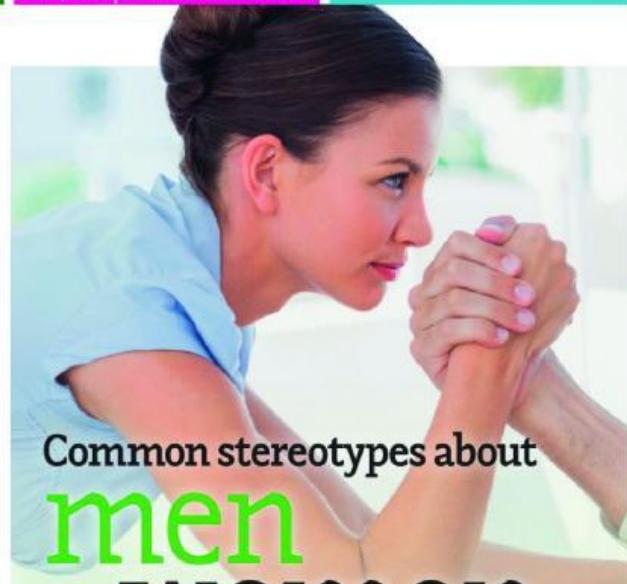
c Read the article about stereotypes. Complete headings 1–5 with statements from b.

d Read the article again. Which of the stereotypes 1–5 has been verified by research done...?

- a with animals
- b by giving participants questionnaires
- c through practical experiments with men and women

e Look at the **highlighted** verbs related to research in the article and answer the questions.

- 1 Which verb is a synonym for **prove**? _____
- 2 Which verb is a synonym for **find**? _____
- 3 Which verb means 'to give reasons why you think something is true'? _____
- 4 Which verb means 'to become clear that'? _____



Common stereotypes about men and women – but are they really true?

Scientists and psychologists say that there are certain gender stereotypes which they have **proved** are true, for example, a recent academic study **found** that men are better at assembling IKEA furniture than women! But can we **really** believe the results of these studies? Here are five more stereotypes which researchers **claim** are true.

1

Scientists in Norway asked 18 men and 18 women to find their way through a virtual maze, completing various tasks along the way. Men were able to solve 50% more of the problems than women in the same time. 'Men's sense of direction was more effective. They simply got to their destination faster,' said Dr Carl Pintzka of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

2

Researchers from the University of Maryland separated baby rats from their mothers and **discovered** that baby rats with more **Foxp2**, a kind of protein necessary for the development of speech and language, made more noise and called to their mothers more often. Moving on to humans, scientists then discovered that women have 30% more **Foxp2** than men.



f Many people would disagree that these five stereotypes are true, in spite of the research. What do you think? With a partner, think of more stereotypes about men and women and discuss if you think they're true or not.

2 GRAMMAR articles

a Complete four jokes with *a / an, the, or – (no article)*.

1 Girl Daddy, did you know that ¹_____ girls are cleverer than ²_____ boys?

Father No, I didn't know that.
Girl You see!

2 ³_____ man goes to see ⁴_____ lawyer.

Man Excuse me. What do you charge?
Lawyer \$1,000 for three questions.
Man Wow! Isn't that ⁵_____ bit expensive?
Lawyer Yes. What's your third question?

3 Doctor Hello, did you come to see me with ⁶_____ eye problem?

Patient Yes! How did you know?
Doctor Because you came in through ⁷_____ window instead of ⁸_____ door.

4 Mother What did you do at ⁹_____ school today, Patrick?

Boy It was ¹⁰_____ great day! We made explosives!
Mother And what are you going to do at ¹¹_____ school tomorrow?
Boy What school?

b **3.18** Listen and check. Do you think any of the jokes are funny?

c **G** **p.137 Grammar Bank 3B**

3 PRONUNCIATION /ə/, two pronunciations of *the*

a **3.22** Listen to the words and sound. Then listen and repeat.



a about accident future internet
important person question

b **3.23** Listen and underline five phrases where *the* is pronounced /ði:/ (NOT /ðə/). Why does the pronunciation change? Which phrase in the list is an exception?

the cinema the office the Underground the universe the moon
the internet the sea the accident the evening the dark

c Practise saying some common phrases where *the* is pronounced /ði:/.

the other day the only way the end of the world
the average person the aim of the exercise
the immediate future the important thing