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- Read and highlight the passive voice, then answer the questions.



Gender Equality: Progress and Ongoing Challenges

Over the past few decades, significant progress has been made in the fight for gender equality. Women and marginalized genders have gained more rights in education, employment, and politics. However, despite these advancements, gender-based discrimination is still experienced in many parts of the world. In 2025, numerous cases of injustice continue occurring, proving that the fight for equality has not yet been won.

In some countries, women used to be denied basic rights, and although improvements have been achieved, severe inequalities remain. For instance, in Afghanistan, restrictive laws have been reintroduced, preventing girls from attending secondary school and university. Similarly, in Iran, women have been arrested for protesting against mandatory hijab laws, showing how gender oppression is being enforced through legal and social means. Meanwhile, in Japan, the gender pay gap has remained one of the highest among developed nations, and women have been struggling to reach leadership positions due to deeply rooted cultural expectations.





Additionally, gender-based violence continues to be a major concern. In Mexico, thousands of women have disappeared in recent years due to rising femicide rates, while in India, reports of sexual violence have been increasing despite stronger legal protections. Even in Western countries, women have been facing discrimination in the workplace, with cases of harassment and unequal pay still widespread. These injustices prove that gender equality has not yet been fully realized, and urgent action must be taken to create a more just society.

In conclusion, although progress has been made, 2025 is still witnessing alarming examples of gender inequality. Education, legal reforms, and international pressure must continue shaping a world where rights and opportunities are not determined by gender. True equality will only be achieved if societies remain committed to fighting injustice wherever it exists.



Multiple Choice Exercise: Passive Voice in Context

Which sentence is in the present perfect passive?

- a) Women used to be denied basic rights.
- b) Gender-based violence continues to be a major concern.
- c) Women have been arrested for protesting.
- d) Many activists have been fighting for equality.
- e) Legal protections have increased in recent years.

Which sentence correctly uses the passive voice in the present simple?

- a) Gender equality has not yet been fully realized.
- b) These injustices prove that gender inequality has not yet been fully realized.
- c) Urgent action must be taken to create a more just society.
- d) Gender oppression is being enforced through legal and social means.
- e) Education and international pressure must continue shaping the future.

Which of the following sentences is in the past simple passive?

- a) Women have been facing discrimination in the workplace.
- b) Activists have been fighting for legal reforms.
- c) Women used to be denied basic rights.
- d) Restrictive laws have been reintroduced.
- e) The gender pay gap has remained one of the highest.



Which sentence is in the future passive?

- a) True equality will only be achieved if societies remain committed.
- b) Urgent action must be taken to ensure justice.
- c) Many initiatives have been launched to address inequality.
- d) Women have been arrested for protesting.
- e) Gender equality has been a key issue worldwide.

Which sentence contains the passive voice in the present continuous tense?

- a) Women have been struggling to reach leadership positions.
- b) Gender oppression is being enforced through legal and social means.
- c) Education must continue shaping a better future.
- d) The gender pay gap has remained a serious issue.
- e) Activists have been calling for urgent reforms.





Generic Questions (General Understanding of the Text)

What is the main idea of the text?

- a) Gender equality has already been fully achieved.
- b) There is no need to continue fighting for gender equality in 2025.
- c) Many countries still experience gender injustices, showing that the fight for equality is ongoing.
- d) Women are now treated equally worldwide.
- e) Gender equality only affects women.

What is the text's tone regarding gender equality?

- a) Optimistic but realistic about ongoing challenges.
- b) Completely pessimistic about progress.
- c) Neutral, without any stance.
- d) Dismissive of the issue.
- e) Indifferent to global gender equality.

What is one of the main solutions the text suggests for achieving gender equality?

- a) Ignoring gender-related issues.
- b) Strengthening legal reforms, education, and international pressure.
- c) Relying only on government policies without public action.
- d) Encouraging women to stay in traditional gender roles.
- e) Eliminating all cultural traditions worldwide.

Specific Questions (Detailed Information from the Text)



Why has gender inequality remained an issue in Japan?

- a) Women do not want to work.
- b) There are too many women in leadership roles.
- c) Cultural expectations and the gender pay gap limit female opportunities.
- d) Women have no access to education.
- e) The country does not allow women to vote.

What recent situation in Afghanistan is mentioned as an example of gender injustice?

- a) Women have been given more job opportunities.
- b) Girls have been banned from secondary school and university.
- c) The government has enforced stricter equality laws.
- d) The country has one of the lowest gender pay gaps.
- e) Women have been promoted to leadership positions in politics.

What evidence does the text provide about gender-based violence?

- a) In Mexico, thousands of women have disappeared due to rising femicide rates.
- b) In Germany, all forms of gender-based violence have ended.
- c) In India, sexual violence has decreased significantly.
- d) Gender-based violence is no longer an issue worldwide.
- e) There are no examples provided in the text.

Activities



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Passive voice

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Exercise 1 (Active → Passive):

1. Houses are built here. • Passive
2. The meal has been prepared. • Active
3. English is spoken all over the world. • Passive
4. The fence was being painted. • Active
5. New planets will be discovered soon. • Passive

Exercise 2 (Active or Passive):

Multiple choice exercise:

- b) c) d)
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- d) "The road had been repaired before we arrived."
- b) "The forests are being rehabilitated."
- a) Sustainable practices have been increasingly adopted.
- a) "Many documentaries, articles, and social media initiatives have been created to inform people."
- a) d)
- a) c) e)
- a) "The building has been being repaired for months."
- b) d)



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Exercise 1: Passive Voice Tenses

c) Women have been arrested for protesting. (Present perfect passive)

d) Gender oppression is being enforced through legal and social means. (Present simple passive)

c) Women used to be denied basic rights. (Past simple passive)

a) True equality will only be achieved if societies remain committed. (Future passive)

b) Gender oppression is being enforced through legal and social means. (Present continuous passive)

Exercise 2: Generic and Specific Questions

c) Many countries still experience gender injustices, showing that the fight for equality is ongoing.

a) Optimistic but realistic about ongoing challenges.

b) Strengthening legal reforms, education, and international pressure.

c) Cultural expectations and the gender pay gap limit female opportunities.

b) Girls have been banned from secondary school and university.

a) In Mexico, thousands of women have disappeared due to rising femicide rates.