

Developing vocabulary and listening

Noun suffixes -ment, -ion, -ence

1 ☆ Write the noun form of these words.

- 1 adolescent (adj.)
- 2 argue (v.)
- 3 confident (adj.)
- 4 connect (v.)
- 5 different (adj.)
- 6 embarrassing (adj.)
- 7 enjoy (v.)
- 8 explain (v.)
- 9 improve (v.)
- 10 independent (adj.)
- 11 permit (v.)
- 12 solve (v.)

2 ☆☆☆ Complete the text with the words in the box. Sometimes you need to make more changes to the word.

confidence • different • discriminate •
improve • inform • permission • situation •
solution

Women in society

We can say with (a) that the position of women in the workplace in the UK is better than before. In the past, some married women needed their husbands' (b) to work. The (c) of women is different nowadays; in 2017, for example, 78% of women of working age were employed.

However, this (d) for women in the world of employment isn't complete. According to a 2019 report, there is a (e) between men and women's salaries in the UK (women earn about 8.9% less than men). One way to combat gender (f) at work is to show transparency over pay and so, in the UK, companies with over 250 workers now publish (g) that shows how big the gender pay gap* is. Making sure all employees have equal opportunities is part of the (h) to this problem.



*gender pay gap: the difference between salaries of men and women.

3 02 ☆ Listen to five teenagers talking about their families. Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 Greg is from a big/small family.
- 2 Charlotte has got a cat/dog.
- 3 Mike has got a stepbrother/stepsister.
- 4 William is/isn't at home in the holidays.
- 5 Amy's mum is a doctor/teacher.

4 02 ☆☆☆ Listen again. Match the people (1–5) to their situations (a–f). One answer is not necessary.

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| 1 Greg | 4 William |
| 2 Charlotte | 5 Amy |
| 3 Mike | |

- a doesn't live with his/her mother but sees her quite often.
- b sometimes has arguments with his/her friends.
- c sometimes sees one of his/her parents in the day.
- d is popular at school.
- e doesn't get the bus to school.
- f has problems after he/she gets up.



Critical thinkers

5 Do the young people you've just listened to agree (A) or disagree (D) with these statements?

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| 1 Greg: 'Being from a big family has its good and bad points.' | A / D |
| 2 Charlotte: 'I'd really like to have some brothers and sisters.' | A / D |
| 3 Mike: 'I don't like living with my stepmother.' | A / D |
| 4 William: 'Boarding schools are a terrible idea!' | A / D |
| 5 Amy: 'I hope my mum doesn't teach me next year!' | A / D |

Vocabulary extension ☆☆☆

6 We add the suffixes -er, -or and -ist to make nouns that describe people. We usually add -er and -or to verbs and -ist to nouns. Write the nouns for these words. Use your dictionary if necessary.

- 1 art *artist*
- 2 photograph
- 3 guitar
- 4 invent
- 5 science
- 6 economy
- 7 train
- 8 design
- 9 football
- 10 direct
- 11 clean
- 12 build