

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

Preparation: matching

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> |

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 learnt in this lesson.