

Quiz on women's rights

Summary:

Spark students' interest and test their knowledge with this short quiz on women's rights.

Materials required:

- Small pieces of card or paper (three for each student)
- Pens

Learning objective:

- Students are aware that inequalities exist between women and men in access to power, money and representation.

Duration:

10 minutes

Age group:

Secondary

Instructions

- Introduce the activity to students.
- Give students three pieces of card or paper and ask them to label the cards clearly as A, B and C. These will be the students' 'answer cards'.
- Read out the quiz questions. After each question, ask students to indicate whether they think the answer is answer A, B or C by holding up the appropriate answer card in the air, and then reveal the answer.
- After the quiz, tell students how they can find out more and get involved in initiatives to tackle sex inequality, for example by joining a school feminist group or by visiting the UK Feminista website: ukfeminista.org.uk

Quiz questions



Question 1: What percentage of UK Members of Parliament are women?

- A) 11% B) 34% C) 48%

Answer: B

(As of General Election 2019.)

Source: <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/sn01250/>

Question 2: In what year did it become illegal in the UK to sack a woman from her job for being pregnant?

- A) 1829 B) 1937 C) 1975

Answer: C

Source: <https://www.bl.uk/sisterhood/timeline>

Question 3: Due to the gender pay gap, on what date in the year do women effectively stop earning and start working for free?

- A) 11 June B) 23 December C) 20 November

Answer: C

In 2022, the average pay for women working full-time was 11.3% lower than for men working full-time

Source: <https://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk/equal-pay-day-2022>

Question 4: In what year did women gain the right to vote in the UK on the same terms as men?

- A) 1867 B) 1928 C) 1961

Answer: B

Question 5: How many girls and women are alive today who were married when they were children?

- A) 650 million B) 750,000 C) 20 million

Answer: A

Source: <https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/fast-facts-10-facts-illustrating-why-we-must-end-child-marriage#:~:text=Worldwide%2C%20an%20estimated%20650%20million,at%2012%20million%20per%20year.>

Question 6: Which country has the highest number of female parliamentarians?

- A) Sweden B) New Zealand C) Rwanda

Answer: C

Women in Rwanda have won 61% of seats in the lower house.

Source: <https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/leadership-and-political-participation/facts-and-figures>

Question 7: In 1921 the Football Association (FA) passed a rule affecting female footballers. What was it?

- A) Girls had to be 12 years old before they could start playing football
B) Women were banned from playing on FA grounds
C) Women were allowed to play in men's teams

Answer: B

The FA's ban on women playing football was only lifted in 1971.

Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-30329606>

Question 8: What percentage of the world's land do women own?

- A) Less than 50% B) Less than 40% C) Less than 20%

Answer: C

Source: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/01/women-own-less-than-20-of-the-worlds-land-its-time-to-give-them-equal-property-rights/#:~:text=Women%20own%20less%20than%20,property%20rights%20%7C%20World%20Economic%20Forum>

Question 9: Which country saw civil unrest and protests in response to the killing of a woman for wearing so-called "improper" dress in 2022?

- A) Iran B) France C) Russia

Answer: A

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/ng-interactive/2022/oct/31/mapping-irans-unrest-how-mahsa-aminis-death-led-to-nationwide-protests>

Question 10: Which famous feminist wrote this? "My own definition of a feminist is a man or woman who says 'yes, there's a problem with gender as it is today, and we must fix it, we must do better. All of us, men and women, must do better.'"

- A) Emmeline Pankhurst B) Beyoncé C) Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Answer: C

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2014/oct/17/chimamanda-ngozi-adichie-extract-we-should-all-be-feminists>