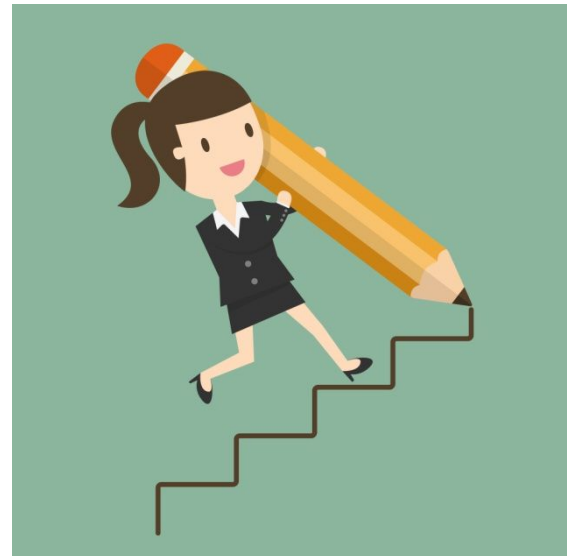


FOR THESE WOMEN, READING IS A DARING ACT BY LAURA BOUSHNAK

WARM-UP

1. Discuss how women are discriminated against in these areas:

- EDUCATION
- PROFESSION
- WORKPLACE
- SOCIETY



VOCABULARY & DISCUSSION

2. Complete the questions with words from the box. Words in brackets will help you to get the meaning of words you have to complete.

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- What kind of barriers do women in your country have to _____ ? (*deal with*)
- Do you think there are a lot of women that are _____ in the world ? (*cannot write and read*)
- How can we change the _____ of society in order to help women improve their situation? (*way of thinking*)
- What countries in your opinion _____ most with gender inequality? (*fight*)

3. Answer the questions from ex. 2 with your partner.

VIDEO & DISCUSSION

4. Watch the first part of the speech (0:00 - 1:40) and decide if these statements are true or false.

- Personal experiences don't motivate the speaker.
- At the beginning she couldn't study at the university.
- It wasn't difficult to make women take part in the project.
- The images of women with their words were shared at the streets.

5. Watch the rest of the talk (1:40 - 5:05).

6. Circle a correct word in the sentences from the video.

- "I saw how she was longing to *gain/make/bring* control over her simple daily routines, small details that we take *on/for/with* granted, from counting money at the market to helping her kids in homework."
- "I've always dreamt *to/of/by* discovering a new bacteria."
- "She received a *money/grant/salary* from a local NGO to fund her business studies at the university."
- "The Arab states are going through *high/quite/tremendous* change, and the struggles women face are overwhelming."

7. Work in pairs and discuss if you agree or disagree with these sentences:

- a. If there were more female politicians, there would be no wars in the world.
- b. If governments give more money to women's organizations, they will spend it on education.
- c. If boys and girls were treated the same way, the problem of gender inequality would be solved.

8. Now, finish these sentences. Then, compare your sentences with another pair and discuss them together.

- If there were more women in top management,
- The position of women will change in 50 years' time if
- If men took more care of children,