

## Gender gap

### Level

Upper-intermediate and above

### Tasks

Creating collocations from a set of words  
 Guessing the missing figures in an extract from a report  
 Reading an article about women and work  
 Finding the 'odd one out' from a list of possible collocations  
 Discussing issues arising from the article

### How to use the lesson

- 1 Write 'gender gap' on the board and ask students to predict the content of the lesson. Hand out the worksheet and ask students to match words in the first box to words in the second box to create collocations. Give an example, e.g. 'gender gap'. Tell them that some words in the first box collocate with more than one word in the second box.

#### Answers

*gender + gap*                      *family + life*                      *equal + opportunities*  
*managerial / low-paid / part-time / unskilled / full-time + jobs / opportunities*

- 2 Ask students to read the report extract and guess the figures. They then check their answers by scanning the first paragraph of the article.

#### Answers

*a) 18%    b) 40%    c) 32%*

- 3 Ask students to read the whole article. Were they surprised by any of the figures? Deal with any new or useful vocabulary such as: *succeeding / balancing / contractual / discrepancies / promoted / resign / negotiate*.
- 4 Students find one word in each line which does not form a collocation with the noun at the end.

#### Answers

*(1) – (d) women                      (2) – (c) to contract                      (3) – (d) to resign*

- 5 Ask students to discuss the questions in small groups. Monitor the discussions. After the discussions, ask each group to report back on their findings to the class. Finally, provide any useful language feedback.

### Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

[http://www.womenandequalityunit.gov.uk/women\\_work\\_commission/](http://www.womenandequalityunit.gov.uk/women_work_commission/)

<http://www.eoc.org.uk/>

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/nugget.asp?id=167>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gender\\_gap](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gender_gap)