Standing Up for What Is Right

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#unstoppable_development_drive
#overcome_challenges_and_change_the_world

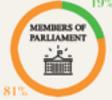


According to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, gender equality is the key to a more peaceful and sustainable world. However, we still have a long way to go. Look at the infographic below and answer the questions.

> Even though WOMEN earn more degrees than MEN . . . They are underrepresented in leadership roles.









Source: Center for American Progress

(https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/infographic-still-ways-go-close-women-s-leadership-gap-n62416)

1. Compared to men, women occupy fewer leadership roles in medicine, politics, and business despite their higher percentage of degrees earned. Among these three areas, in which areas do women have the **LOWEST** percentage of leadership roles?

2. Check (\checkmark) what you think the reasons may be.

) Fewer career options Lack of family leave or childcare

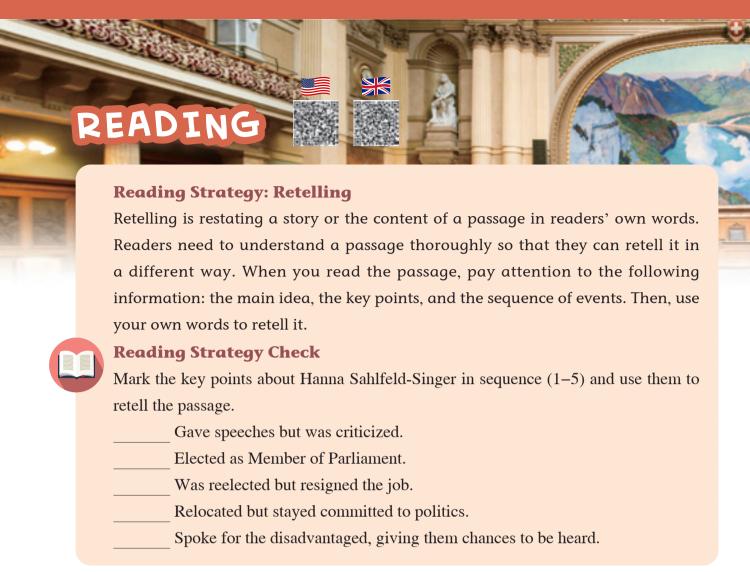
Unequal opportunities at work Other(s)

Limited access to promotion

3. Do you think increasing women's participation in leadership roles is important? Why or why not?

In my opinion, increasing women's participation in leadership roles is ... because ...

Hanna Sahlfeld-Singer has devoted her life to helping women and the disadvantaged. Her election to the Swiss parliament over 50 years ago was a key moment that challenged traditional views about women. Despite facing many difficulties, she kept speaking up for women, refugees, and other minority groups. Her determination and hard work have inspired others. Even after Hanna left parliament, her ongoing efforts showed that women can make a difference in the world.



Paragraph 1 briefly introduces the main character of the story—Hanna Sahlfeld-Singer.

Hanna Sahlfeld-Singer, a religious activist and former parliament member from Switzerland, has devoted her life to helping women and other ignored members of society. Actively involved in community activities, she served as a school pastor in her early career path, encouraging young people to overcome adversity and reach their full potential. Her firm belief in equality and fairness for all led her to later enter politics to challenge the limitations imposed on women. In 1971, Hanna made history by becoming one of the first women elected to the Swiss parliament. That shook the convention and reshaped women's roles in society.



Women gained full **voting** rights, presented a challenging environment for Hanna's support of minority voices. Swiss society, before Hanna entered politics, did not **permit** women to hold power or have a political voice. This is why Hanna was often **criticized** for 15 her speeches advocating for the value of minority opinions rather than simply **praising** Switzerland. In the face of many difficulties, she brought people's attention to social and political matters and decided to fight for a place in the Swiss parliament.

although Hanna faced unfair treatment from the moment she 20 entered politics, she never gave in. On her first day as a Member of Parliament, she was told to enter the Federal Palace through the visitors' entrance. Barriers like this blocked her way, but they only made her fight harder. She continued to stand up for women and others who were often unheard. During her political 25 career, she spoke up for the rights of the homeless, assisted refugees in becoming citizens, and criticized Swiss companies

Paragraph 2 shows Switzerland's refusal to give women power and the challenges Hanna faced at the time.

Paragraph 3 gives an example of how Hanna was unfairly treated in the parliament, and how she kept her hard work and never

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for employing low-paid workers in South Africa. What she did was to give voice to issues that were ignored in society.

Paragraph 4 discusses: Hanna's efforts after her resignation and her influence on other women politicians in Switzerland.

Discourse Focus

What is the function of the "-ing" form in "increasing the parliament"?

number of women in

Paragraph 5 explains how Hanna changed politics and became many women.

 Discourse Focus Which transitional phrase in Paragraph 5 summarizes the whole passage?

- 4 Hanna's efforts led to more women entering Swiss politics, even after she **resigned**. Despite **relocating** to Germany with her family, she remained committed to various political and religious projects. She got involved in development policy through church projects and continued to follow Swiss politics. As a member of Swiss parliament, 35 Hanna **inspired** other women to become politicians, increasing the number of women in parliament every year. Since Hanna's time, when there were only twelve **female** Members of Parliament, the
- Although Hanna ultimately left her job in politics, her strong 40 commitment and ongoing efforts make her an inspiration for many women. In summary, Hanna's story became a powerful symbol, **motivating** women to **pursue** their rights and participate in politics.

percentage of female members has risen to 30%.





GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

This passage is a story told in chronological order. The following timeline helps you see what events took place and when. Fill in each blank with one word or phrase to better understand the story. The first one has been done for you.

After Resignation

1975-

- She stayed ⁵ in political and social projects.
- · Her strong commitment and ongoing efforts have inspired women to ⁶ for their rights.

During Term of Office

1971-1974

Before Election

- · Women's opinions on politics were not valued.
- She was ² for giving speeches about minority opinions instead of ³ her country.
- · She was asked to enter the parliament as a visitor on the first day.
- · She never gave up and continued to the unheard.

Early life

As a school pastor, Hanna encouraged young people to 1 overcome adversity.

READING COMPREHENSION

I. Cr	noose the correct answer to each question	-	
() 1. What is the passage mainly about?		Main Idea
	(A) The economic situation Hanna Sal	hlfed-Singer faced.	
	(B) The religious role Hanna Sahlfed-	Singer played in politics.	
	(C) The description of Hanna Sahlfed-	Singer's work in parliament.	
	(D) The story of one of the first wome	n members of the Swiss Parliame	ent.
() 2. Which of the following was the purp	oose of Hanna Sahlfed-Singer's	entrance into
	politics?		Details
	(A) To oppose Members of Parliamen	t.	
	(B) To solve financial problems at hor	ne.	
	(C) To gain personal fame and be pop	ular.	
	(D) To overcome challenges and fulfil	l potential.	
() 3. Where is the passage LEAST likely to	be taken from?	Inference
	(A) A civics textbook.	(B) An inspiring blog post.	
	(C) A physical health magazine.	(D) A political campaign bro	ochure.
II. Fi	ill in the blank with words that reflect your	understanding of the passage.	
W	Tho does the author refer to by saying "other	rs who were often unheard" in Pa	ragraph 3?
			Details
It	refers to		

CRITICAL THINKING

- 1. How did Hanna Sahlfeld-Singer challenge traditional gender roles in Swiss politics? What impact do you think her actions have had on women's roles in society?
- 2. Given that Hanna Sahlfeld-Singer resigned from her political position, do you consider her a role model for women in politics today? Why or why not?
- 3. Do you think there is gender equality in Taiwan? Give some examples of the development of gender equality in Taiwanese society.



Narrative Writing: Viewpoint Narrative

	In narrative writing, two common perspectives are and
	third-person point of view. The third-person point of view can be further
?	divided into third-person limited and third-person omniscient. Third-person
	limited gives only the narrator's perspective, whereas third-person
	omniscient provides complete knowledge of all characters.
	The unit's passage uses the third-person limited point of view. The
	narrator tells the story from an outside view, focusing mainly on Hanna
	Sahlfeld-Singer's actions, experiences, and decisions. It provides detailed
	insights into Hanna's life, beliefs, challenges, and responses without going
	into other people's thoughts.
	Use the third-person limited point of view and follow the instructions below
	to write sentences describing a challenge Hanna faced.
	1. Choose one challenge mentioned in the passage and describe the event.
	2. Describe how Hanna dealt with this challenge.
	3. Describe how this challenge affected Hanna.

DISCOURSE FOCUS

Participle clauses to indicate results



To demonstrate the characters' actions, emotions, and reactions after an event, writers can use transitions such as "therefore" or verbs like "cause." In addition, writers can also use participle clauses to indicate the results. This kind of participle clause typically takes the form of V-ing and follows the main clause which illustrates an event.



In summary, Hanna's story became a powerful symbol, **motivating** women to pursue their rights and participate in politics.

→ The participle clause "motivating . . ." indicates Hanna's impact on other women, which was to encourage them to engage in politics.

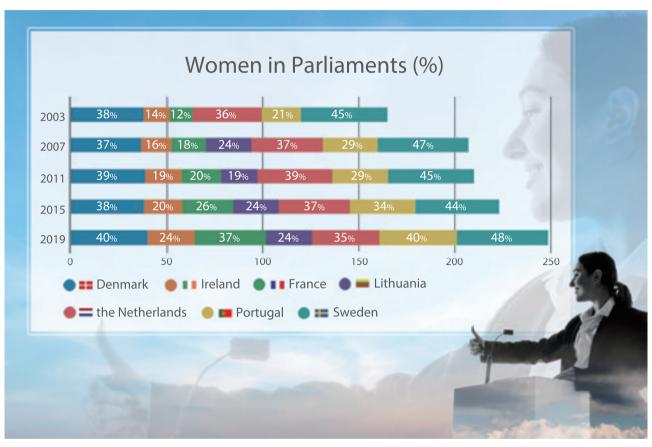
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participle clauses 分詞構句

INFORMATION VISUALIZATION

The following infographic shows the increase in the number of women Members of Parliament in some European countries. Although progress has been made in encouraging women to participate in politics, gender equality is still not fully achieved. Read the infographic and answer the questions on the next page.



Source: Gender Statistics Database

Women used to be labeled as weak and were thus restricted from many activities outside their domestic roles. While they have gained political power over the years, they continue to be a minority in politics. As shown in the infographic, women have taken more and more seats in many parliaments year by year. For example, in Lithuania, there were no women Members of Parliament in 2003, but by 2019, women occupied 24% of the seats. However, even in 2019, no European country had gained an equal gender share of seats in their parliaments. To achieve this, many governments have introduced various measures, such as gender quotas. It is important that women be recognized in every aspect to have complete gender equality.



(1. Which of the following is mentioned in the passage?
	(A) Economic recession.
	(B) Political achievements.
	(C) Cultural transformation.
	(D) Technological advancements.
(2. Which of the following statements is true about women in politics?
	(A) There have been no measures taken to achieve gender equality in politics.
	(B) Lithuania started having women Members of Parliament in or before 2007.
	(C) Every European country now has more women Members of Parliament than men.
	(D) From 2003 to 2019, Denmark showed the greatest increase in the number of
	women Members of Parliament.
-	3. Complete the following sentences by using the words in the passage. Alterations to the
	words may be needed to make the sentences grammatical.
	Even though there has been a significant advancement in the participation of women in
	government positions, women are still under-represented. Actions like the implementation
	of 1 have been taken to increase the representation of women
	in parliaments. However, there is still much room for improvement in 2
	in European society.
	NOTES





Words for Production

involved

[in'valvd]

[in'valv]

▶ adj. taking part in or being part of something 涉及的,有關的 be involved in something

• After Angela became involved in the family business, she didn't have much time to spend with her children.

▶ vt. 包含,需要 involve

> • Learning a new language involves practicing speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

involvement

[in'valvment]

▶ n. [U] 參與, 涉入

involvement in/with/of something • The police are looking into the suspect's possible involvement in

other murder cases.

[s3v]

▶ vi. to do a job or perform duties for an organization or a country 仟職,擔仟

serve as something

- Edward served as a cook when he was in the army.
- ▶ vt. to provide food or drinks at a restaurant 提供,供應(飲料、食物)

serve someone with something

- The restaurant takes pride in serving its customers with the best steak in town.
- overcome [ova`kam]

▶ vt. (overcame | overcoming) to succeed in handling a problem that keeps someone from achieving something 克服

overcome a fear/problem/difficulty

- Derek practiced giving his speech in front of his family over and over in order to overcome his fear of public speaking.
- ▶ n. [U] the possibility that something can be developed in a particular potential way 潛力,潛能 [pə\ten[əl]

have potential

• With her talent for painting, Laura has great potential to become a professional artist if she receives formal training.

potential

[pə`tɛnʃəl]

▶ adj. 可能的,潛在的

a potential buyer/client/customer

 A successful commercial can help a product stand out and attract as many potential buyers as possible.

5 firm

[fsm]

- ▶ adj. not likely to change 堅決的,堅定的
- Growing up in a religious family, Melissa developed a firm belief in God.
- ▶ adj. hard and not easy to bend 堅固的
- Jack prefers sleeping on a firm bed because soft beds give him back pain.

firm

[fsm]

- ▶ n. [C] 公司, 商號
- With years of hard work, the small marketing firm expanded and has gained reputation within the industry.

6 limitation [limə`te[ən]

▶ n. [C] a rule, fact, or condition that limits something 限制

a limitation on

- To enhance productivity, the company established limitations on the use of social media during working hours.
- ightharpoonup n. [U] the act of controlling or reducing something $\,$ 限制,限定
- Nuclear <u>limitation</u> agreements have been signed to restrict the development and use of nuclear weapons.

7 impose [Im`poz]

▶ vt. to force someone or something to deal with something difficult or unpleasant 強加於

impose something on/upon ...

- The new tax policy requires people to pay higher taxes, imposing a heavy burden on middle-class families.
- ▶ vt. to introduce a new rule, system, fine, etc., and order that it be followed 強制執行

impose a ban/fine/sentence

 To prevent the disease from spreading, several governments have decided to impose travel bans.

8 elect [1`lɛkt]

- ▶ vt. to select a person for a particular position by voting 推選,選舉 **elect someone to something**
 - In the United States, a person can be elected to the Office of the President twice, and each term lasts four years.

election

[I'leksən]

▶ n. [C] 選舉

a presidential/parliamentary/local election

• In some countries, the party that wins the presidential election will form the new government.

9 voting

[`votɪŋ]

▶ n. [U] the action of choosing someone or something in an election 投票

• The debate over lowering the voting age to 18 has sparked discussions across the country.

▶ vi. 投票, 進行表決

vote
[vot]

vote for/against . . .

• Amy decided to vote for the new environmental regulations, believing they can help protect our planet.

vote

▶ n. [C] 選票,表決意見

[vot]

cast one's vote

- The polling station will be open until 4 o'clock in the afternoon for citizens to cast their votes.
- permit [pæ`mɪt]
- ▶ vt. (permitted | permitting) to allow someone to do something 允許,許可

permit someone to do something

- The school swim team is permitted to use the pool after school to practice for the National High School Games.
- ▶ n. [U] 允許,許可

permission

[pe\mi[en]

ask (for)/give/get permission to do something

- The kindergarten teacher reminded the girl that she needed to raise her hand and ask permission to speak in class.
- ▶ vt. to express opinions about the negative qualities of someone or something 批判,批評

11 criticize

[`kritə,saiz]

criticize . . . for (doing) something

• The photographer was criticized for taking pictures of the people who had been badly injured in the fire instead of first helping them.

criticism

[`kritə_sizəm]

- ▶ n. [U] 批評,批判
- The company has received a great deal of criticism from animal protection organizations because it carried out experiments on animals.

12 praise

[prez]

▶ vt. to show admiration or appreciation of the achievements or qualities of someone or something 讚揚,表揚

praise . . . for (doing) something

• The teacher praised the students for their excellent presentations during the science fair.

praise

[prez]

▶ n. [U] 讚頌,表揚

praise for something (from someone)

- When COVID-19 broke out in 2022, Taiwan received praise for the government's prompt responses.
- entrance [`entrəns]
- ▶ n. [C] a door, gate, passage used for entering a room, building, place 入□,大門

an entrance to something

- In the story of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, the wardrobe is the entrance to a magical world.
- refugee
 [/refju`dʒi]
- ▶ n. [C] someone who has been forced to leave his or her own country because of political, economic, or religious reasons 難民
- After the war broke out, Khowla's family became refugees, and they were forced to flee from their home country.
- 15 employ

[Iclq'mi]

▶ vt. to pay someone to do a job 雇用

- To meet the growing need for the products, the factory decided to employ additional staff.
- ▶ n. [U] 就業, 受雇

employment

[m'ploment]

find/seek/secure employment

- After graduating from the information technology department, Sally hoped to find employment in a related field.
- employee

[im_ploi'i]

▶ n. [C] 雇員,員工

a part-time/full-time employee

- Jack works as a part-time employee at the local bookstore while attending college.
- employer

[m'ploie]

- ▶ n. [C] 雇主
- Employers must pay labor insurance and health insurance, or they will face a heavy fine.

16 resign

[rı`zaın]

▶ vi. to give up one's job or position 辭職

resign from something

• Eric's sudden decision to resign from his position came as a shock to his co-workers because he had always shown great enthusiasm for his job.

resignation

[rezig`ne[ən]

▶ n. [C] 辭職

• The senior staff member announced her resignation, saying that she needed to take a long rest.

77 relocate

[ri`loket]

▶ vi. to move to a different place 搬遷,遷移

relocate to somewhere

• There is a growing trend for people living in the city to relocate to the suburbs in order to reduce their housing costs.

locate

[lo`ket]

▶ vt. 定位

• The firefighter made a great effort to locate the little child who was trapped inside the burning house.

inspire [in`spair]

▶ vt. to give someone the desire or confidence to do something well 激勵,鼓勵

inspire someone to (do) something

• Helen Keller's story has inspired many of us to work harder and to face life's challenges with determination.

inspiration

[nspə`refən]

▶ n. [C] (usu. sing.) 鼓舞人心的人、事物

an inspiration to/for someone

- Bill Gates's charity work is an inspiration to me. It is the reason I regularly make donations to those in need.
- ▶ n. [U] 靈感

draw/take inspiration from something

- Vincent van Gogh was a great artist who liked to draw inspiration from nature. His famous painting, *The Starry Night*, is one such example.
- 19 female

[`fimel]

- ▶ adj. of, relating to, or being a woman or girl 女性的, 雌性的
- The club only accepts female members, so men are not allowed to join it.
- female

[`fimel]

- ▶ n. [C] 女人,女件
- According to the research, females seem to live longer than males do.

20 percentage

[pa'sentid3]

▶ n. [C] the number, amount, or rate of something, expressed as a number out of one hundred 百分比,比例

a percentage of . . .

• A high percentage of the people who live in this city take the MRT to work, so the subway is always crowded during rush hour.

percent

[pa'sent]

▶ n. [C] (pl. percent) 百分之一

• Ninety percent of the five hundred students in the grade level passed the exam. In other words, fifty students failed.

21 ultimately

[`ʌltəmɪtlɪ]

▶ adv. finally, after everything has happened or been considered 最後,最終

• All of Robert's hard work ultimately paid off when he achieved his goal of becoming a pilot.

ultimate

[`ʌltəmɪt]

▶ adj. 最後的,最終的

an ultimate aim/goal/objective

- Currently, Lillian has to share an apartment with two roommates, but her ultimate aim is to buy a house of her own.
- ongoing

[`an_goɪŋ]

▶ adj. continuing to exist and develop 持續的,不斷的

an ongoing discussion/debate/process

- There is an ongoing discussion among experts about the benefits and risks of AI technology in classrooms.
- 23 motivate

[`motə,vet]

▶ vt. to cause someone to try to achieve something 激勵,激發

motivate someone (to do something)

• The possibility that he may fail math has motivated Luke to study harder.

motivation

▶ n. [U] 積極性,動機

[motə\vefən]

strengthen/improve/increase one's motivation

- Losing the match did not frustrate the tennis player. Instead, it strengthened her motivation to improve.
- pursue [pə`su]
- ▶ vt. to try very hard over a period of time to do something, such as reaching a goal 追求,從事

pursue a(n) career/goal/aim/objective

• Thanks to the support of his wife, Ang Lee could leave behind the economic burdens of his family and pursue a career as a movie director.

pursuit
[pæ`sut]

▶ n. [U] 追求,尋求

in (the) pursuit of something

• The body builder follows a strict diet and spends hours every day working out in pursuit of physical perfection.

Words for Recognition

- 1 Hanna Sahlfeld-Singer [`hænə `salfɛld `sɪŋər] n. a Swiss former politician who served from 1971 to 1975 漢娜・薩爾費爾德-辛格
- 2 activist [`æktəvɪst] n. [C] someone who works hard to achieve social or political changes 行動主義者
- **parliament** [`parləmənt] n. [C] a group of politicians responsible for making laws 議會,國會
- **Switzerland** [`switsə·lənd] n. a European country, known for being neutral in WWI and WWII and famous for its watches and chocolate 瑞士

Swiss [swis] adj. 瑞士(人)的

Swiss [swis] n. [C] (the ~) 瑞士人

- pastor [`pæstə] n. [C] a person who has been trained to be a religious leader and to perform religious duties in a Christian church 牧師
- 6 adversity [əd`vэ·sətɪ] n. [U] an unlucky or difficult situation 逆境,不幸
- 7 advocate [`ædvə¸ket] vi. to support something in public 擁護,提倡
- **Member of Parliament** [`mɛmbɜ əv `parləmənt] n. [C] (abbr. MP) a person who has been elected to make the laws of a country 議員
- 9 **Federal Palace of Switzerland** [`fedrəl `pælis əv `switsə·lənd] n. a building in Bern that serves as the seat of the government of Switzerland and the Swiss parliament 聯邦議會 大廈
- 10 homeless ['homlis] adj. having no physical home 無家的
- **South Africa** [ˌsaυθ `æfrɪkə] n. a country in Africa, located at the southern end of the continent, whose capital city is Cape Town 南非
- Germany [`dʒэ·mənɪ] n. a country located in central Europe, famous for its car industry 德國
- committed [kə`mɪtɪd] adj. strongly believing in something and willing to spend time and energy on it 堅定地, 忠誠的

Idioms and Phrases

- 1 stand up for . . . to support or defend a person or thing when the person or thing is criticized or attacked 支持…,維護…
 - Tom stood up for his little sister and argued with several kids when she was being teased at the playground.
- **devote . . . to . . .** to use or give one's time, effort, attention, energy, love, etc. to someone or something 将 (時間、精力等) 致力、奉獻於…
 - Antoine Pierrot was a Catholic priest from the Netherlands. He devoted himself to helping the old and the poor in remote areas of Taiwan.
- **make history** to do something so important that will be remembered for a long time 創造歷史
 - The first email was sent in 1971 by Ray Tomlinson, but he had no idea he was making history.
- in the face of something in a situation where one needs to deal with difficulties or challenges 面臨 (危險、困難等)
 - The thick fur of polar bears enables them to survive in the face of cold weather.
- **give in (to . . .**) to admit to being defeated and agree to stop fighting (向…) 屈服, (向…) 認輸
 - After hours of discussion, the company finally gave in to the demands of the striking workers.
- **speak up (for...)** to express one's feelings, opinions, or beliefs in order to support or defend someone or something (為…) 發聲
 - Cathy decided to become a lawyer for people accused of crimes because she believes they have rights and need someone to speak up for them.
- 7 give voice to something to express someone's feelings or thoughts 表達 (觀點、想法)
 - The movie aims to give voice to the untold stories of survivors of war.

SENTENCE STRUCTURE



$${\text{All (that)} \atop \text{The only thing (that)}} + S \left(+ \underline{\text{aux.}} / \underline{V_1 + \text{to}} \right) + \text{do} + {\text{is} \atop \text{was}} + \text{(to) } V_2$$

What is it?

本課句型為「準分裂句」的用法,用於強調某人所需要做的某動作。常用於宣傳□號、標語、強調特定資訊,以激起人們的情緒、呼籲眾人採取行動或加強說明某事。

Examples

	What/All (that)/ The only thing (that)	S	(+ <u>aux./V₁ + to</u>) + do	be	(to) V ₂	
1	What	Hanna	did	was	to give	voice to issues that were ignored.
2	All (that)	Hanna	wanted to do	was	to inspire	young people to overcome adversity.

How to use it

- $oxedsymbol{1}$ 「不定詞」 $(ext{to V})$ 為**被強調的動作**, $ext{to 可省略}$ 。
 - → What these naughty children need to do is (to) **keep** silent.

- what、all (that)、the only thing (that) 所引導的「名詞子句」放在句首作「主詞」時被視為 單數,須使用第三人稱單數的「be 動詞」(is/was)。
 - → When the pandemic broke out, all (that) people could do was (to) wear masks and stay home to stop the spread of the deadly virus.
- 「名詞子句」中的「動詞」也可使用其他動詞來表示想要、需要達成的目標。例如:need/ want/wish to V 等。
 - → The only thing (that) students **need to do** now is (to) prepare for their finals.

Exercise

Irena, Susie, and Tommy are discussing their poster presentation on equal pay in Happy Land. Rewrite the underlined sentences in their LINE chat below using the sentence structure of this unit. The first one has been done for you.

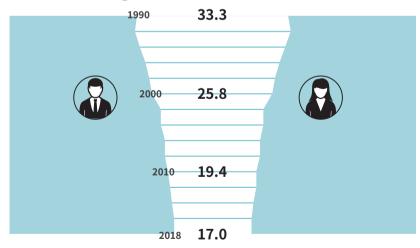
Poster Presentation Hey, guys! Our group project is due next Monday. ¹We should draw a poster that includes our research title and the goal of our presentation. Irena I remember that our research title is "Equal Pay for Equal Work in Happy Land," and our research is aimed at raising people's awareness of gender equality. That's right. ²We also need to review previous studies for their research findings. Oh, right! Did the teacher suggest where we should look for these studies? ³Ms. Jones only told us to visit digital libraries. Now that rings a bell. Hm ... Can we include pictures we find online? Will that break any copyright laws? As long as ⁴we cite the sources properly, it should be fine.

1.	What Irena, Susie, and Tommy should do is (to) draw (what) a poster that includes
	their research title and the goal of their presentation.
2.	(what) previous studies for their research
	findings.
3.	(the only thing that) digital libraries.
4.	(all) the sources properly to avoid violating
	any copyright laws.

Extended Exercise ADVANCED

The Prime Minister of Happy Land, Tammy Huang ("T"), attended a podcast interview held by Brian ("B") on the topic of the country's gender pay gap. Below are some questions raised by Brian and answered by the prime minister. To complete the answers, pair each of the items on the left in the box below with one of those on the right by using the sentence structure of this unit. The first one has been done for you. In addition, fill in the yellow blank in the script according to the information in the graph.

Gender Wage Gap Narrows from 33% to 17%



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- these companies have done	• provide everyone, regardless of his or her gender, with		
• we can do	- show that we are getting closer to		
• we propose to do	achieve full gender equality		

1. B: Could you first talk about your achievements over the first year as the youngest-ever
female Prime Minister of Happy Land?
T: I am proud to say that in the past year, Happy Land's gender pay gap hit a historic low of
%. In addition, women have started taking up important managerial positions.
Global corporations have also begun to hire more female employees. What these
companies have done is (to) show that we are getting closer to gender equality.
2. B: I wonder what else we can do to achieve full gender equality in Happy Land.
T: There are still a lot of things we can do. For example, conscious and unconscious
discrimination in hiring decisions still exists.
to raise their awareness of gender equality.
3. B: Are there any practical measures planned?
T: Sure! Some male-dominated industries and jobs, like manufacturing and electronics, are
planning to offer female employees equal opportunities for higher positions. We are also
working on implementing a female-friendly policy
a comfortable environment.
4. B: Lastly, let's hear about your vision. What are your goals for your term of office?
T: Over the next three years as Prime Minister of Happy Land, I will continue devoting
myself to listening to the public's opinions on policies and taking practical measures
to improve our society. The gender pay gap has narrowed, but
I'll keep working on that.
NOTES











Women's rights are hard-earned. It is only through a century-long fights that progress has been made.

Listening Strategy: Understanding Sequence



When listening to a passage with lots of events, you can pay attention to the use of time transition words, such as "before," "then," "soon after," "later," and "(at) first," to better understand the development of an event. Additionally, you should listen carefully to specific times mentioned, including years, months, and dates. Listening to these keywords can help you follow the order of events and understand the development of a listening passage.

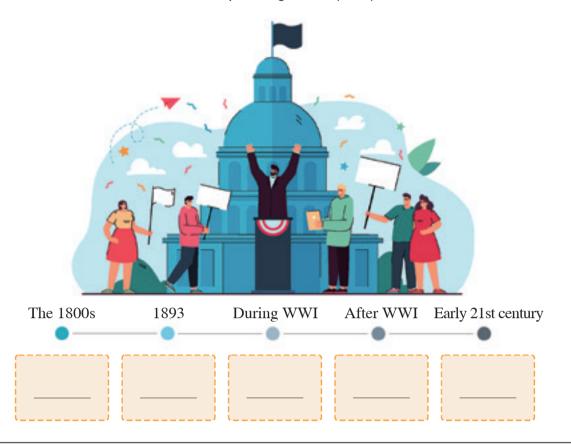
I. First, listen to and repeat the words in the Vocabulary Bank. Then, read the questions below before listening to the podcast. After you listen, answer the questions.

Vocabulary Bank

- 1. fascinating adj. 吸引人的
- 2. remarkable adj. 非凡的
- 3. petition *n*. [C] 請願

- 4. rally n. [C] 集會
- 5. conservative adj. 保守的
- () 1. What is the podcast mainly about?
 - (A) The possible methods to change a law.
 - (B) The roles of women in the 21st century.
 - (C) The history of the fight for women's voting rights.
 - (D) The countries that lead the world to make changes.
- () 2. According to the podcast, which of the following is true?
 - (A) The United States was the first country that gave women the right to vote.
 - (B) Middle Eastern countries started women's voting rights because of WWII.
 - (C) Most African countries began granting women the right to vote right after WWI.
 - (D) American women helped their country during WWI and achieved their goals later.

II. Read the timeline below and listen to the podcast again. Complete the timeline by filling in each of the blanks with the corresponding event (A–E).



- (A) Women began to fight for the right to vote.
- (B) Women in the United States started to support the war effort.
- (C) New Zealand became the first country to allow women to vote.
- (D) Women in several countries gradually gained their right to vote.
- (E) Women's voting rights movements began in conservative Middle Eastern countries.

Speaking Strategy: Asking About Troubles and Problems

- ▶To ask about troubles or problems with people or events:
 - 1. What is the problem/matter with . . . ?
 - 2. What happened to ...?
- ► To ask for solutions to troubles or problems: How can we solve/deal with/handle such problems?
- ► To provide solutions to troubles or problems:

 I suggest/recommend/advise that we (should) . . . to solve/deal with/handle . . .

- III. Work in pairs and practice using the sentence frames above to discuss the questions below.
- 1. According to the podcast, what were the problems with elections before the 1800s? What were some of the methods used by women in the past to fight for their right to vote?
- 2. What are some problems that still exist today in terms of gender inequality? How can we solve them?

SELF-CHECK						
In this unit, I learned that	·	-	··			
Hanna Sahlfeld-Singer broke barriers as one of the first women in the Swiss parliament, remaining committed despite challenges.	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0					
Hanna's story emphasizes the importance of overcoming challenges and pursuing one's goals.						
Hanna entered politics because she believed that people can overcome adversity and reach their full potential.	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0					
Hanna's story reminds us that true change and progress often require a firm commitment.						
women gradually gaining positions in politics shows how society has developed over time.						