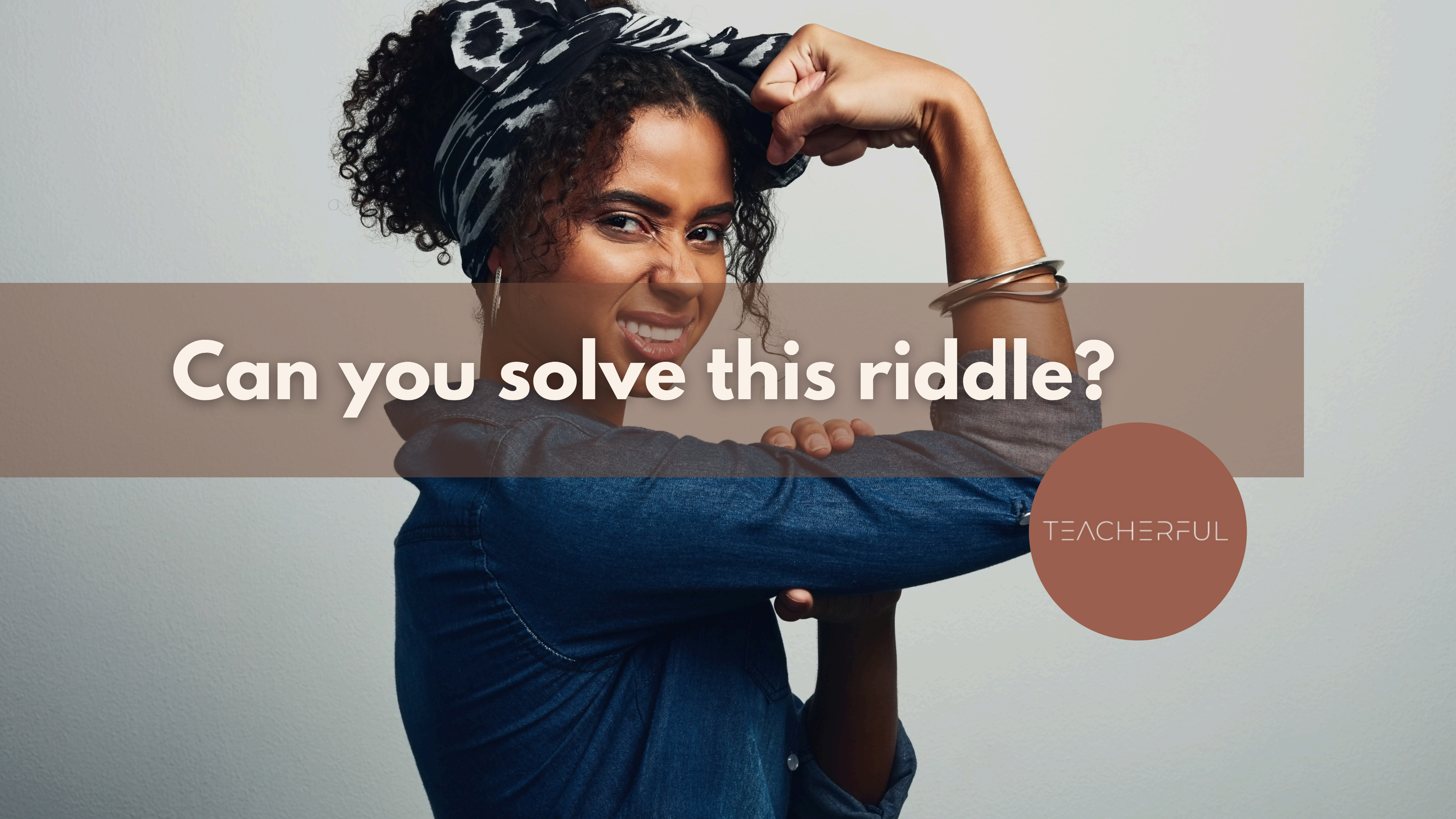




Can you solve this riddle?

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Warm up

 a riddle

1. What does “**a riddle**” mean?
2. Can you think of synonyms for it?

Warm up - ANSWERS

 a riddle

- A puzzling question or problem – something tricky to figure out.

Synonyms: puzzle, brainteaser, enigma, conundrum, mystery



- Something mysterious or hard to understand – a situation or person that is difficult to explain.

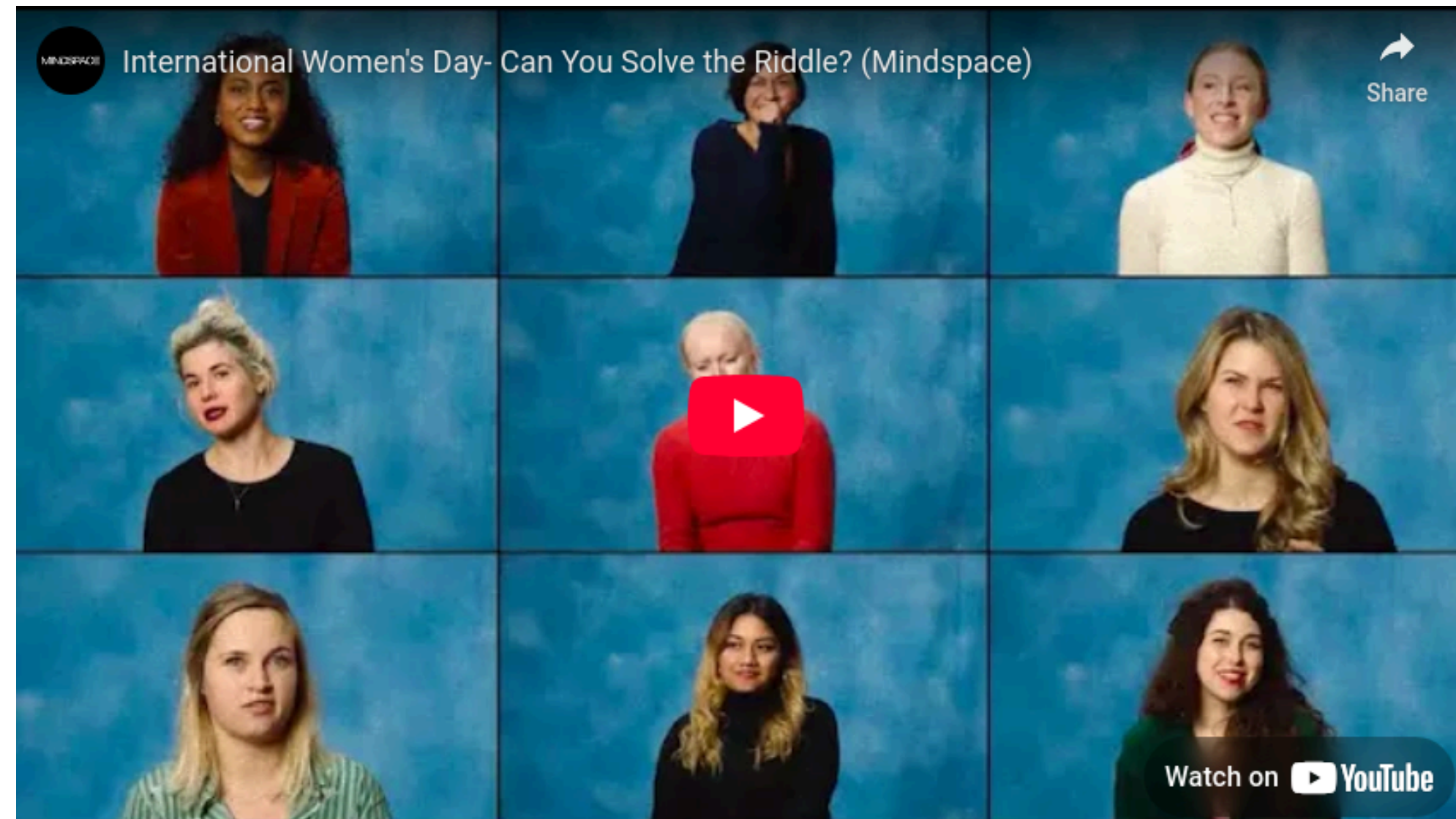
Synonyms: mystery, paradox, enigma



Task 1 - Listening

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kFC7669quE>

**Listen (not watch) to the first part of the video (00:00-00:55)
and try to solve the riddle.**



Task 1 - Detailed listening (teacher's notes)

Write down the transcript: Ask your students to write down a riddle transcript. Play the recording as many times as they need.

Check & Correct: Show them the correct text (next page) and let them compare their version.

Discuss: Identify any mistakes in spelling, grammar, or missing words and correct them together.

Challenge: Ask students to read their corrected transcript aloud with proper pronunciation and intonation.



Task 2 - Listening

Listen again and write down the riddle. Try to solve it.

Riddle:

The answer is....



Task 2 - Detailed listening ANSWER

Riddle:

“A father is about to bring his son to a job interview, applying for a position at a large stockbrokers company in the city. Just as they arrive at the company’s parking lot, the son’s phone rings. He looks at his father who says: “Go ahead, answer it”.

The caller is the trading company’s CEO who says: “Good luck son, you’ve got this!

The son ends the call and once again looks at his father, who is still next to him in their car.

How is this possible?”



Task 3 - Detailed listening

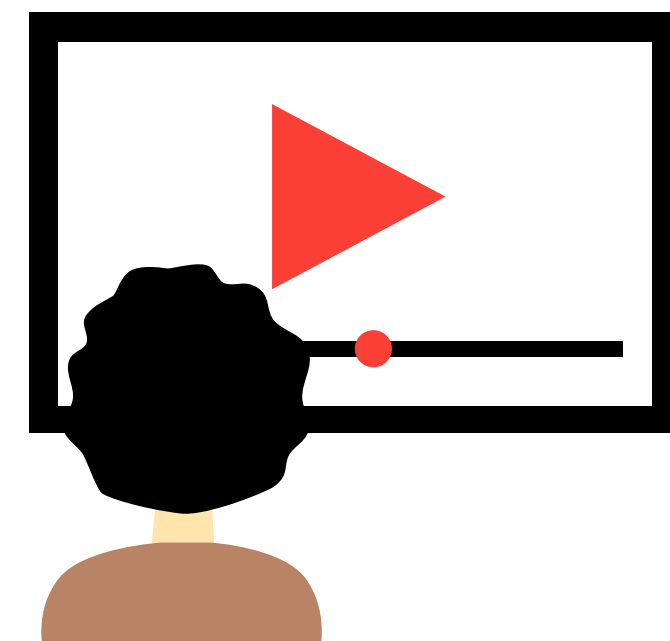
**Watch the second part of the video 00:53-02:58
to find out what the answer is.**

https://youtu.be/4kFC7669quE?si=Kfv7GV5q6S98r7Y_&t=53



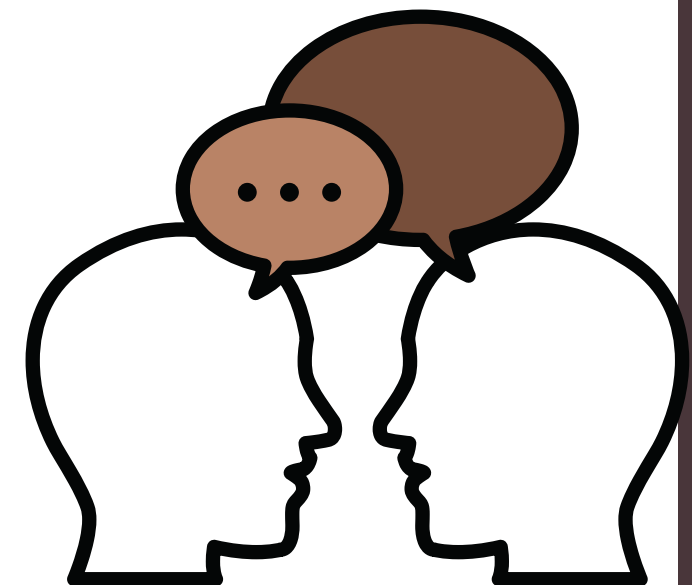
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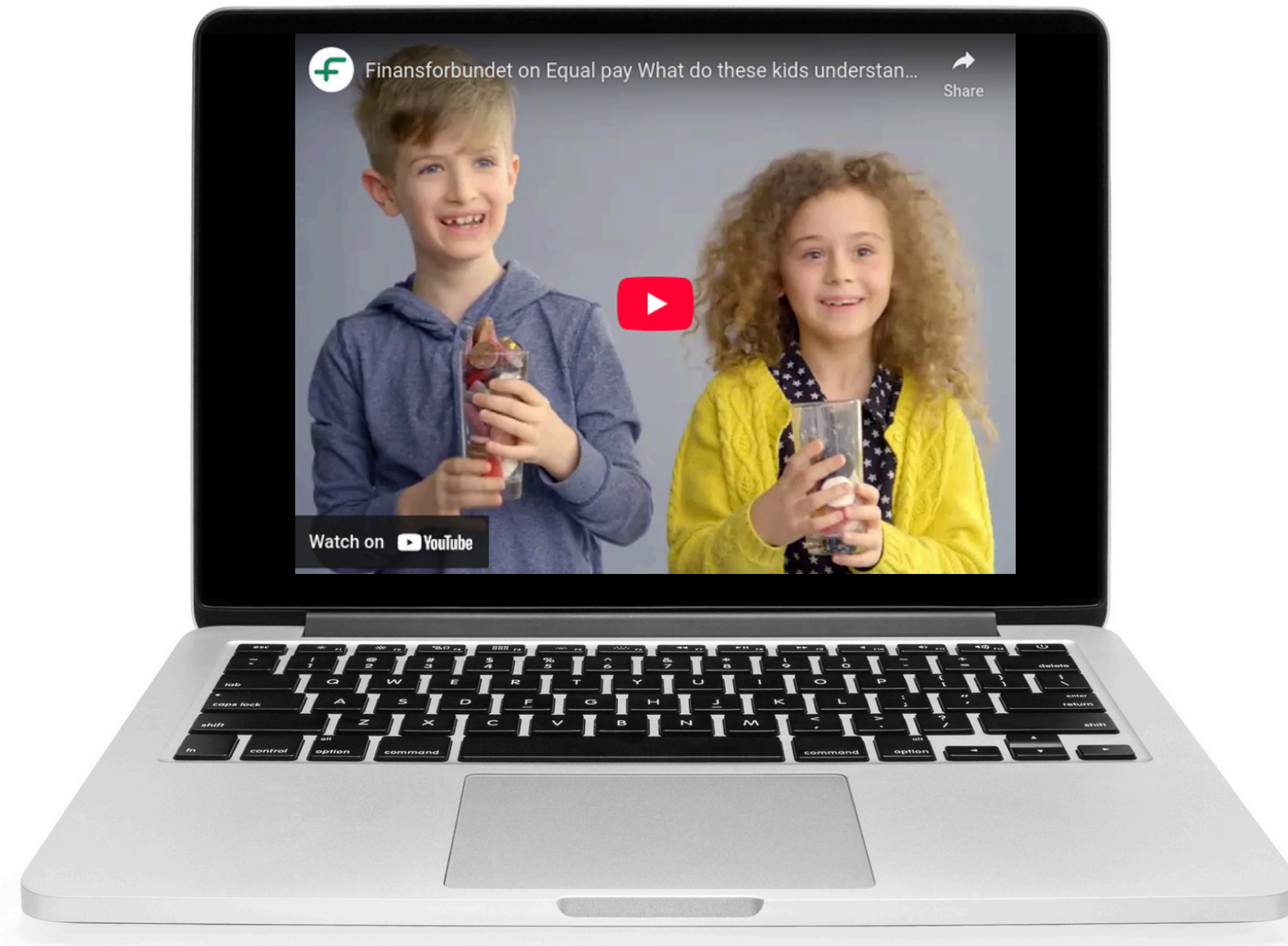


Task 4 - Discussion.

- **What answers did the participants give?**
- **How did people react when they found out the answer?**
- **Were you surprised by the correct answer?**



Task 5 - Video watching.

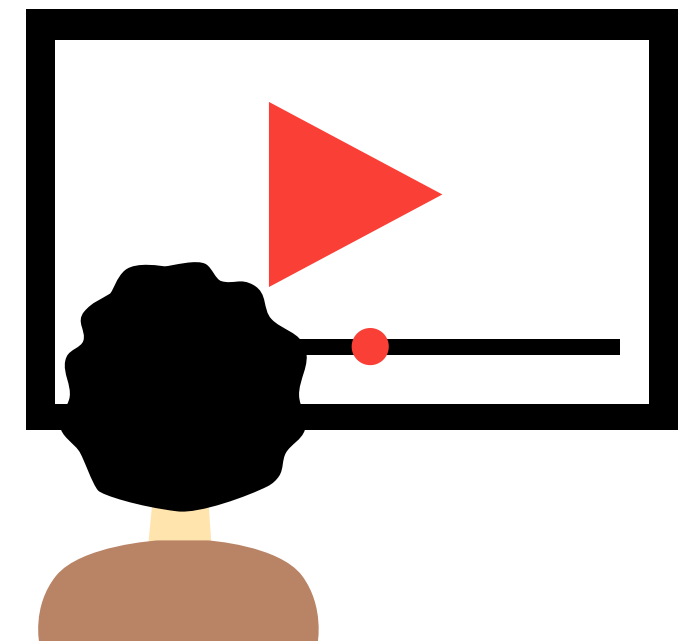


Watch the video and say what it is about.

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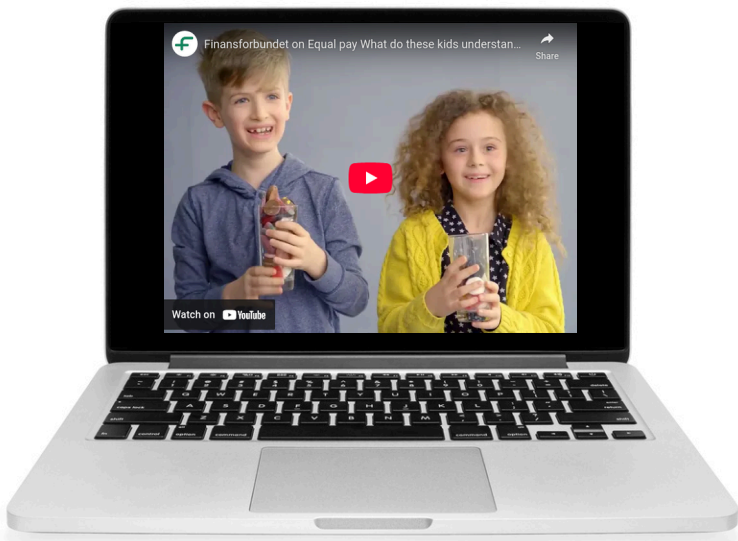


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7n3Sov7Zctk>



Task 6 - Video watching.

Answer the questions



1. What kind of job do the kids have to do?

.....

2. What is the reward that they receive? Is it given evenly?

.....

3. What concerns does the video rise?

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4. How do the kids solve the problem with the reward?

.....

5. What problem does the video address?

.....



Task 7: Define the phrases in your own words.

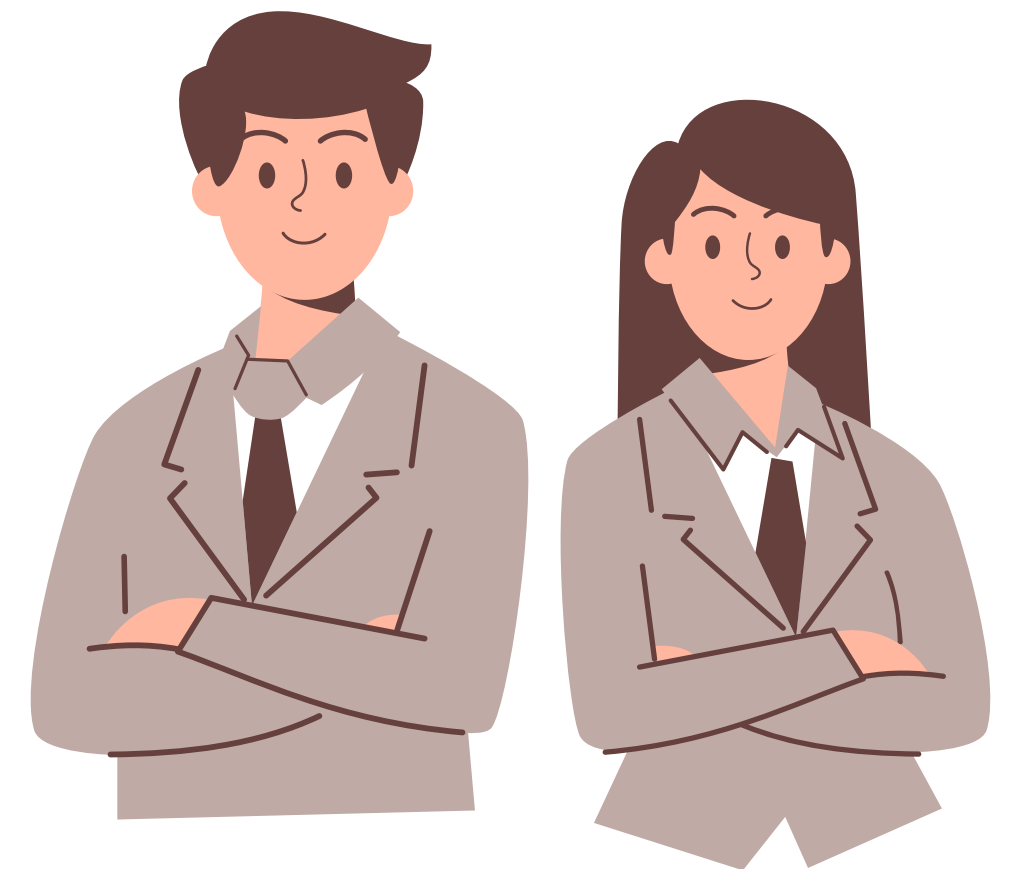
1. gender equality

2. gender balance

3. career opportunities

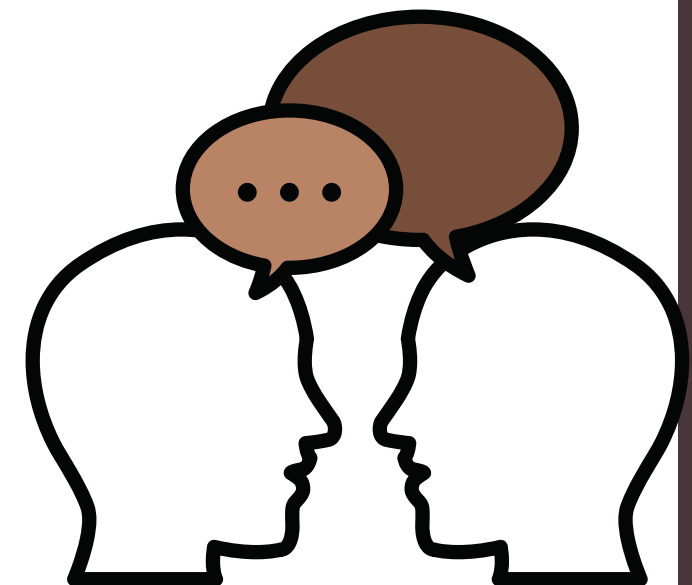
4. inclusive

5. parental leave



Task 8 - Discussion.

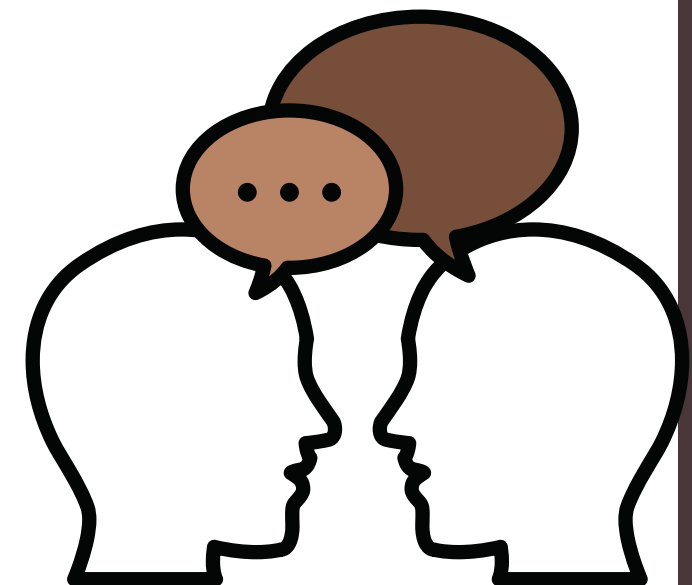
1. Does gender equality remain a challenge in the workplace or society?
2. Should companies introduce quotas to ensure gender balance in leadership?
3. Do men and women have the same career opportunities in your country?
4. How can workplaces become more inclusive for all genders?
5. Should parental leave be equal for both mothers and fathers?



Task 9 - Discussion.

Do you think it's important to use feminine versions of certain words, like "chairwoman" instead of "chairman," or "actress" instead of just "actor"? Why or why not?

Do you think language should change to be more gender-neutral?



Vocabulary Plus 1 - WORD FORMATION

Complete the table below by writing the correct feminine form of each masculine noun.

Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
Prince		Widower	
Duke		Landlord	
Emperor		Wizard	
Hero		Groom	
Monk		Chairman	



Vocabulary Plus 1 - WORD FORMATION - ANSWERS

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Duke	Duchess	Landlord	Landlady
Emperor	Empress	Wizard	Witch
Hero	Heroine	Groom	Bride
Monk	Nun	Chairman	Chairwoman

Take 30 seconds to memorise any new words.



Vocabulary Plus 2 - Sentence completion.

Complete the sentences with the correct feminine form of the **bolded masculine nouns**.

1. The **monk** lived in a secluded temple, while the _____ resided in a convent.
2. After the king's passing, the **prince** became the ruler, and his sister, the _____, supported him.
3. The **widower** mourned his late wife, just as a _____ grieves for her late husband.
4. The **landlord** collects rent from tenants, while the _____ manages the female-owned properties.
5. At the royal wedding, the **groom** waited nervously, and the _____ walked down the aisle.
6. The **duke** controlled vast lands, and his wife, the _____, helped govern the region.
7. The **chairman** led the meeting, while the _____ took charge of organizing the next conference.
8. The **hero** saved the village, and the _____ became a legend in her own right.
9. The **wizard** cast a spell, while the _____ brewed a magical potion.
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Vocabulary Plus 3 - WORD FORMATION - GENDER NEUTRAL

Do you know the gender-neutral alternatives of these nouns?

policeman or policewoman 

fireman or firewoman 

salesman or saleswoman 

steward or stewardess 

waiter or waitress 

Vocabulary Plus 3 - WORD FORMATION - GENDER NEUTRAL ANSWERS

Do you know the gender-neutral alternatives of these nouns?

policeman or policewoman  **police officer**

fireman or firewoman  **firefighter**

salesman or saleswoman  **salesperson**

steward or stewardess  **flight attendant**

waiter or waitress  **server**

How does inclusive language impact workplaces and professional settings?

Vocabulary Plus 4 - Idioms.

Match the idioms with their meanings.

1. Break the glass ceiling

A. Get recognized for your skills and achievements.

2. Climb the career ladder

B. Gain access to important discussions or decision-making roles.

3. Earn a seat at the table

C. Overcome invisible barriers that stop people (especially women) from advancing in their careers.

4. Be undervalued in the workplace

D. Progress in your job and reach higher positions.

5. Make a name for yourself

E. Not be appreciated or paid fairly for your work.



Vocabulary Plus 4 -Idioms ANSWERS

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| 5. Make a name for yourself | A. Get recognized for your skills and achievements. |



Vocabulary Plus 5: Practice in context.

Complete the sentences with the idioms in the correct form.

**Break the glass ceiling, Climb the career ladder, Earn a seat at the table, Be undervalued in the workplace,
Make a name for yourself**

1. Many women work hard but still _____ and don't get the salary or recognition they deserve.
2. It takes years of experience and networking to _____ and be part of important business decisions.
3. After years of hard work, she finally _____ and became the first female CEO in her company.
4. By writing articles and speaking at conferences, she managed to _____ in the world of business.
5. She started as an intern, but she quickly _____ and is now a senior manager.



Vocabulary Plus 5: Practice in context ANSWERS.

Complete the sentences with the collocations in the correct form.

1. Many women work hard but still **are undervalued in the workplace** and don't get the salary or recognition they deserve.
2. It takes years of experience and networking to **earn a seat** at the table and be part of important business decisions.
3. After years of hard work, she finally **broke the glass ceiling** and became the first female CEO in her company.
4. By writing articles and speaking at conferences, she managed to **make a name for herself** in the world of business.
5. She started as an intern, but she quickly **climbed the career ladder** and is now a senior manager.



Vocabulary Plus 6: Practice.

Create your own short examples with the phrases below.

- **Break the glass ceiling**
- **Climb the career ladder**
- **Earn a seat at the table**
- **Be undervalued in the workplace**
- **Make a name for yourself**



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