

# Gender stereotyping statements

1. Women should be allowed to vote in elections - agree or disagree.

Discussion: Hopefully all the children will agree with this but any that disagree should be challenged.

Historical context: Women did not have the right to vote until 1918. Information on Emmeline Pankhurst can be found on BBC Bitesize if children are waiting to find out more.

2. Women should be able to go to university and sit the same exams as men - agree or disagree.

Discussion: Hopefully all the children will agree with this but any that disagree should be challenged.

Historical context: The first time women could attend university and sit exams alongside men was in 1879.

3. Men should be allowed to have paid time off work when they become a dad - agree or disagree.

Discussion: This one might lead to more discussion and views should be listened to on each side.

Historical context: Paid paternity leave was introduced in 2003. Before this a dad would have to take holiday or have to take unpaid time off.

4. Women should be paid the same amount as men for doing the same job - agree or disagree.

Discussion: This one might lead to more discussion and views should be listened to on each side. But Hopefully the discussion can lead to all children agreeing.

Historical context: The Equal Pay act was introduced in 1970 which meant men and women should be paid the same for the same work. There are still issues with this and in 2020, there was a gender pay gap of around 13% for full time work.

The next statement might lead to a discussion and it would be useful for children to be able to challenge each other as well as you challenging them. Historical information has been included to show how views might have changed over time.

5. Women should stay at home and look after children - agree or disagree

Historical context: In 1989 64% of people agreed with this. In 2013 this had reduced to 33%.

During this discussion the element of choice should be emphasised and also the fact that men can look after children as well.