### **Activity 1: Vocabulary Matching**

Match the words on the left with their meanings on the right:

1. honor	A. to mark a special occasion with joy and festivities
2. achievement	B. difficult tasks or situations that require effort to overcome
3. celebrate	C. very important or meaningful
4. equality	D. the main idea or message of something
5. theme	E. treating someone in a fair and equal way
6. solidarity	F. things that someone has done successfully
7. challenges	G. to show respect and admiration for someone
8. significant	H. unity or agreement among individuals with a common interest or purpose

## **Activity 2: Reading Comprehension**

Read the following passage about International Women's Day, then answer the questions:

"International Women's Day (IWD) happens every year on March 8th. It's a special day to <u>honor</u> women's rights and <u>celebrate</u> their <u>achievements</u>. The first International Women's Day was in 1911, suggested by Clara Zetkin, a woman who believed in equal rights for everyone. Since then, people all over the world <u>celebrate</u> this day with marches, talks, and performances.

International Women's Day reminds us how far we've come in treating men and women with <u>equality</u>, but also shows us there's still work to do. It talks about things like women being treated badly, not getting good education or healthcare,



getting paid less than men and the many other <u>challenges</u> they face. But it also <u>celebrates</u> the great things women have done, from standing up for what's right to being leaders in our communities.

Each year, International Women's Day has a different <u>theme</u>. This <u>theme</u> is like a message that tells us what's important and <u>significant</u> right now. <u>Themes</u> could be about fairness at work, women's health, or how women help make peace in the world. These <u>themes</u> make us think about what we can do to make life better for women.

International Women's Day doesn't stop on March 8th. It reminds us to keep helping women and girls feel strong and important all year long. It tells us to work together, show <u>solidarity</u>, speak up, and do things that make a real difference."

#### Questions:

- 1. When is International Women's Day celebrated?
- 2. Who suggested the first International Women's Day, and when was it?
- 3. What do people do on International Women's Day?
- 4. Why do we celebrate International Women's Day?
- 5. Name two problems that International Women's Day talks about.
- 6. Why are the themes of International Women's Day important?
- 7. What does International Women's Day tell us to do after March 8th?
- 8. How does International Women's Day help women and girls?

#### **Activity 3: Discussion**

Discuss the following questions in pairs or small groups, then write a short answer:

- 1. Why do you think International Women's Day is important?
- 2. Can you name any famous women who have made significant contributions to society?
- 3. In what ways can we promote gender equality in our daily lives?
- 4. Have you ever faced or witnessed gender inequality? Describe the situation.
- 5. How can we support and empower women in our communities?

# **Activity 4: Writing**

Write a short paragraph (around 50-75 words) about a woman who inspires you (she could be famous or someone you know personally). Explain why she is inspiring and how she has made a difference in the world or in your life.