UP TO YOU!

\star 1. Complete the sentences with for, since or ago.

A. Women have been fighting to achieve gender equality ... 1910.

- B. ... 1893 women can vote in New Zealand.
- C. She has been working ... months on this project.
- D. She left school one month
- E. They have been protesting ... 6.00 pm.

★2. Put the verbs in the correct tense (preterite or preterite be + -ing).

- **A.** He (*do*) the washing up when his wife (*come*) back from an executive meeting.
- **B.** Roger (house clean) when Teresa (ask) him to serve her a large glass of whisky.
- **C.** Peter (*do*) the shopping when Clare (*start*) to watch Rugby on television.
- D. Bob (*change*) the baby while Eleanor (*play*) poker with her friends.
- E. Dan (water) pot-plants when Leslie (start) cutting the wood.

$\star\star$ 3. Put the verbs in the appropriate tense.

- A. At the turn of the century, suffragettes (run) a campaign against gender inequality.
- B. Women always (strive) to obtain more rights.
- C. Politicians (give) women the vote in 1918 in the United Kingdom and in 1920 in the U.S.
- D. In the past, dowries were given to daughters when they (*get*) married.
- **E.** Since she (*decide*) to work for the NACA, the place of women in the field of technology (*evolve*).

$\star\star$ 4. Put these sentences in the passive voice.

- A. Employers don't treat women fairly.
- B. Men have exploited women for too long.
- C. Suffragettes blocked many unfair laws.
- **D.** They give fewer opportunities to graduate women
- E. Women often do all the house chores.
- F. Jacky Fleming wrote a book about women called *The Trouble With Women.*
- G. Electrodomestic advertisements target women.

$\star\star\star$ 5. Put the verbs in the appropriate tense and use for, since or ago where necessary.

- A. Emmeline Pankhurst (*give*) a speech in Connecticut more than a hundred years
- **B.** ... the suffragette movement, gender equality (be) an issue.
- C. ... World War II, the family (become) the very centre of American life.

- D. ... almost sixty years, the sexual revolution (challenge) many traditional notions of motherhood.
- E. American women (fight) over a century.

★★★ 6. Translate these sentences into English.

- A. Le combat féministe est toujours d'actualité au XXI° siècle.
- B. L'égalité n'a toujours pas été obtenue.
- C. Les hommes et les femmes ont un avenir commun.
- D. L'égalité des salaires reste un combat quotidien.
- E. Il y a de plus en plus de femmes cadres.

★★★ 7. Translate an excerpt of Emma Watson's speech.

"I decided that I was a feminist, and this seemed uncomplicated to me. But my recent research has shown me that feminism has become an unpopular word. [...] Why has the word become such an uncomfortable one? I am from Britain, and I think it is right I am paid the same as my male counterparts. I think it is right that I should be able to make decisions about my own body. I think it is right that women be involved on my behalf in the policies and decisions that will affect my life. I think it is right that socially, I am afforded the same respect as men".

8. Interactive test. What is your score?



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