

KEY Listening Comprehension:

Stephen Fry, Deborah Cameron and Sue MacGregor on “language and the gender divide”

Before listening, read all the questions and try to understand them. You will be able to listen to the programme two times. – Use a pencil but mark your choice clearly.

Match the following parts of sentences and phrases by numbering the second halves accordingly 1-4. Note that only four of them are right.

		cadets
1. Change is	2	gentlemen
2. Ladies and	1	inevitable
3. Lads and	3	ladettes
4. Deborah Cameron is interested in		social studies
	4	sociolinguistics

Tick the right box or boxes (☒) because several options can be correct. Please note that these options give the meaning but not always the complete or original wording.

5. Talking about men and women having different ways of expressing themselves	a	<input type="checkbox"/>	has always been neglected.
	b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	has been around for centuries.
	c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	is very widespread culturally.
	d	<input type="checkbox"/>	is widely elected.

True or false? – Consider these statements.	true	false
6. The term gender is biological.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. The issue of language and gender was ignored before the 1960s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. The issue of gender has changed English.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Feminism in the 1960s challenged gender stereotypes.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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10. In the 1960s people started to discuss the way	a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	people dress.
	b	<input type="checkbox"/>	people fell prey to fatalism.
	c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	society treated the different genders.
	d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	the different genders speak.

Match the following parts of sentences by numbering the second halves accordingly 8-11. Of course, only four of them can actually be right.

	14	is a ripe one for comedy.
11. The main area of change		is stand-up comedy.
12. Certain professions	13	was a more serious matter for others.
13. Any area that so clearly gives rise to anxieties		was an indigenous matter for others.
14. What was probably good comedy more than 20 years ago	11	will be in the language.
	12	will have their names changed.

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15. Sue MacGregor, a BBC presenter in the 1970s and 80s, remembers	a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	controversies about how to address people.
	b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	letters from listeners about using 'Ms' or 'Miss'.
	c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	wanting 'Mrs' on her passport.
16. Sue MacGregor says that	a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	she was addressed as 'my dear' on the radio.
	b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	men can be gossipy.
	c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	women can be factual.
	d	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	women enjoy talking about people.

Match the following parts of sentences by numbering the second halves accordingly 17-22
Of course, only six of them can actually be right.

	22	'You'll order the burger and chips and I'll have half.'
		'Why can't we have sex?'
17. He says, 'It would take too long to explain', but he really means	21	she needs to complain.
18. He says, 'I miss you', but he really means		she knows how it works.
19. He says, 'What's wrong?,' and he really means		she knows he looks plain.
20. She says, 'I am not upset', and she actually means	20	'Of course, I am upset, you moron.'
21. She says, 'We need to talk', but she really means	17	he has no idea how it works.
22. She says, 'I'll just have the salad' but she really means	19	'Does this mean no sex today?'
	18	'Can we have sex?'
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