**Some basic background**

**1. Answer the following questions.**

1. Where and when was the First Women’s Day held?

On the 28th February, 1909 in New York

2. Why was it celebrated?

In remembrance of the 1908 strike of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

3. Who was Luise Zietz?

She first spoke on a protest and organised the resistance of women. In the SPD was she the first women as a party chairman and later organised the first german womens day in Kopenhagem

4. What have been the ideas behind celebrating the International Women’s Day? Name several reasons.

Basically to promote equal rightsand the right to vote and hold public offices.

Also for equal payment for both genders as well as the support of women’s sufferage.

**2. Interview with a member of the family.**

Ask a member of the family (mother, father, grandmother, grandfather sister, aunt, etc.) the following questions. **Take notes of their answers.** You can lead the interview in German. **The answers, however, have to be written in English.**

Who did you interview?

My Mother Claudia

How long did the interview last?

12 minutes

* What habits or behaviours are deemed as appropriate for men but inappropriate for women?

Her own opinion is that everybody can do everything but the society thinks differently.

* What jobs are often considered as appropriate for men but inappropriate for women?

She mentions Construction worker, generally physical hard jobs and mechanic but adds, that it gladly gets more normal today, that women can do everything.

* In your home, who does the cooking, cleaning and household chores?

Currently only my Mother and me take care of the household but we live without my dad. She says, when she was married, they split all the household chores.

* Are there more male or female managers and executives? Why do you think this is?

Sadly it is. The reason for that is that most of the men working today also support other men to rise in for example a company due to their traditional think of men being better.

* How would the world look like without women?

Sad and less social. It would be way more unfriendly, besides from the fact that there would never be children again.

* Who do you think has life easier, girls or guys? Why?

Still men, because it is so natural for men to be allowed to do everything. A girl always has to show that she is able to do the same before she even is allowed to do so, tells me my Mother.

* Are there different expectations for sons and daughters?

For herself not but generally yes. Most of the time the daughters are expected to for example care for the older family members or that only boys are allowed to study.