

Some basic background

1. Answer the following questions.

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

The First Women's Day was held on 28 February 1909 in the United States.

2. Why was it celebrated?

Because of a declaration of the Socialist Party, in order to achieved the voting right for women.

3. Who was Luise Zietz?

She was a politician, who was part off the german party SPD. She fought for women's rights in politics.

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

The women felt oppressed and wanted to be equal to the men. Mainly they wanted to get the voting right. Furthermore they wanted to achive a better payment and shorter hours of work.

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**
How long did the interview last? **15 minutes**

- What habits or behaviours are deemed as appropriate for men but inappropriate for women?
- What jobs are often considered as appropriate for men but inappropriate for women?
- In your home, who does the cooking, cleaning and household chores?
- Are there more male or female managers and executives? Why do you think this is?
- How would the world look like without women?
- Who do you think has life easier, girls or guys? Why?
- Are there different expectations for sons and daughters?

- 1. In the past there were other regulations, but I think that today the behaviour between men and women doesn't differ.**
- 2. Jobs which are physically exhausting, like for example building workers or dustmen.**
- 3. The household chores are mainly done by me, but the other family members are also responsible for some parts in the household.**
- 4. There are more male managers, because they have a dominant appearance. Furthermore they have more time for their carrer, because women often make a maternity leave and men have less responsibility than women.**
- 5. It would be sad, dirty and there would be nothing to eat.**
- 6. Guys, because they don't have so much responsibility in case of a pregnancy. Finally the women stays with the child and not the men. In other cases there is no difference.**
- 7. No, there should be the same rules of behaviour for girls and boys, but there are differences between their interests, so the parents should pay attention on these.**