

## Activity - What is gender inequality?

Read the statements and sort them as true or false:

- Women produce up to 80% of food in developing countries but own less than 25% of farm land.

- In developing countries, one in three girls is married before reaching their 18th birthday.

- Women make up more than 50% of the global population but fill less than 20% of parliamentary seats.

- Approximately 70% of people in national minimum wage jobs in the UK are women.

- Women who work, spend 15 hours a week on average doing chores, while men spend only five.

- Up to 30,000 women in the UK lose their jobs each year simply for being pregnant.

- Countries which treat men and women more equally produce more female scientists.

- Mothers can take 39 weeks of paid maternity leave whilst fathers/partners can only take 2 weeks of paid leave.

- Countries with greater gender equality win more Olympic medals.

- Some developing countries are better at treating women and men equally in government, at work and in their pay than much richer industrial countries.

## Teacher's notes

All of these statements are actually true. Ask the class: Do you think this is fair? Which ones stand out particularly to you? Why? Why is equality important?

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