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Times up movement

EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Learn about the present and past perfect, learn ways to express your opinion.



Activity One – Reading Comprehension

Over 300 women in Hollywood have joined together to fight sexual harassment. They have started a movement called 'Time's Up'. They want men to know that time is up for women not being treated fairly and equally. They are angry about the inequality in the movie industry and the amount of harassment working-class women face around the USA. The women are famous actresses, as well as female agents, directors, executives and producers. The group paid for a letter to be printed in newspapers. It said: "The struggle for women to break in, to rise up the ranks and to simply be heard and acknowledged in male-dominated workplaces must end". It added that "time's up" for men controlling everything.

The Time's Up movement started in October, soon after many top actresses reported that movie producer Harvey Weinstein had sexually harassed them. Its leaders have asked actresses to wear black when they walk along the red carpet of The Golden Globes awards ceremony on Sunday. They want women to use the red carpet to speak out against gender and racial inequality. Actress Eva Longoria said: "For years, we've sold these awards shows as women, with our gowns and colors and our beautiful faces and our glamour." She added that: "This time, the industry cannot expect us to go up and twirl around. That's not what this moment is about."

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Questions
Ask and answer the questions with your partner

1, How many women have joined together to fight sexual harassment?
2, In what industry are the women angry about inequality?
3, Who did the group say is facing harassment around the USA?
4, Where did the group get its letter published?
5, What did the women say men should now stop controlling?
6, When did the Time's Up movement start?

Activity Two – Expressing your opinions

Use the expressions below to express your opinion about the following debate

INEQUALITY: How bad is inequality in your country? How can we reduce it?

In partners discuss and share what you wrote.

Activity Three **–Debate**

TIME'S UP: Students A strongly believe the time is up for sexual harassment; Students B strongly believe it isn't.



Activity Four **– Tenses**

Present Perfect: is used to indicate a link between the present and the past. The time of the action is before now but not specified, and we are often more interested in the result than in the action itself.
Subject + to have + past participle
She has visited the museum several times.

Past Perfect: Something that started in the past and continued up to another action or time in the past. The past perfect tells us 'how long', just like the present perfect, but this time the action continues up to a point in the past rather than the present. Usually we use 'for + time'.
Subject + had + past participle
When he graduated, he had been in London for six years.
(= He arrived in London six years before he graduated and lived there until he graduated, or even longer.)

Activity Five **– Reflection**

Using the Present Perfect & Past Perfect, think of differences in society before the movement and today.

Examples: "Before 'Times Up', women had experienced inequality and harassment for decades…."

"Today, women have spoken out and addressed the issues…."

Activity Six **– Role Play**

1. You are parents interviewing a babysitter to look after your children. Using the Present Perfect, ask the babysitter difficult questions! The babysitter must answer as best as he/she can!

Example: Have you ever used illegal drugs?

2. You and your friend are debating the importance of social protest as a strategy to change the world. Your friend thinks it is a waste of time. Tell your friend about the times you protested and what effects it had.



Activity Seven – **I Am Woman, Helen Reddy**
https://youtu.be/Gpu_PV3BTfI

I am woman, hear me roar
In numbers too big to ignore
And I know too much to go back an' pretend
'Cause I've heard it all before
And I've been down there on the floor
No one's ever gonna keep me down again
Oh yes, I am wise
But it's wisdom born of pain
Yes, I've paid the price
But look how much I gained
If I have to, I can do anything
I am strong
(Strong)
I am invincible
(Invincible)
I am woman
You can bend but never break me
'Cause it only serves to make me
More determined to achieve my final goal
And I come back even stronger
Not a novice any longer
'Cause you've deepened the conviction in my soul

Oh yes, I am wise
But it's wisdom born of pain
Yes, I've paid the price
But look how much I gained
If I have to, I can do anything
I am strong
(Strong)
I am invincible
(Invincible)
I am woman
I am woman watch me grow
See me standing toe to toe
As I spread my lovin' arms across the land
But I'm still an embryo
With a long, long way to go
Until I make my brother understand

Questions :
1. Do you notice any present perfect verbs?
2. Do you notice any past perfect verbs?
3. What is the tone/emotion of the song?
4. What does she want?



