

# Terra Helmer

## Battle of the Sexes

Level: B1+ (Intermediate+)

Skill: Speaking

Time: 1.5-2 Hours

TIME	ACTIVITY	GROUPINGS
5	<p><b>Warmer – True or False?</b></p> <p><i>***Students stand up if they believe the fact is true or remain seated if they believe it's false.</i></p> <p>1.) It takes 1 hour for a woman to decide whether or not she wants to date a man again. A man decides in 15 minutes - <b>True</b></p> <p>2.) Studies show that a man who kisses his wife goodbye when he leaves for work averages a higher salary than the man who doesn't. - <b>True</b></p> <p>3.) <b>60%</b> of women would think about leaving a boyfriend if her friends didn't like him. – <b>False (40%)</b></p> <p>4.) The average man sees <b>seven</b> women a day with whom he would like to sleep with. – <b>False (5)</b></p> <p>5.) Studies show that women are attracted to men who wear blue. - <b>True</b></p> <p>6.) In online dating, women are most afraid of meeting a serial killer. Men are afraid of meeting someone "fat." - <b>True</b></p> <p>7.) Dating specialists suggest that if a woman doesn't return a call after two messages, she is not interested. - <b>True</b></p> <p>8.) Research shows that men know they're falling in love after just three dates, but women don't fall in love until date 14. – <b>True</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.factretriever.com/dating-facts">https://www.factretriever.com/dating-facts</a></p>	<p><b>Individual</b></p>
5	<p><b>I. Brainstorm</b></p> <p><i>*** Students list words they associate with men and women.</i></p> <p><i>***Students share out answers. Write feedback on the whiteboard.</i></p>	<p><b>Group</b></p> <p><b>(Mixed Genders)</b></p>
10	<p><b>II. Warm Up Questions</b></p> <p><i>***Students discuss questions related to stereotypes.</i></p> <p><i>***Elicit feedback.</i></p>	<p><b>Group</b></p> <p><b>(Mixed Genders)</b></p>
5	<p><b>III. Buzzfeed Video – Battle of the Sexes - Voting</b></p>	

	<p><i>***Students vote on which gender will win each category.</i></p> <p>Memory Focus Budget Sense of Smell Flirt Game</p> <p><i>***Write votes on the whiteboard.</i></p>	<b>Individual</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>III. Buzzfeed Video – Battle of the Sexes - Video</b></p> <p><i>*** Students watch the video.</i></p> <p>Results:</p> <p>Memorize: 3 (her) – 0 (him) Focus: 5 (her) – 1 (him) Budget: 6 (her) – 1 (him) Sense of Smell: 7 (her) – 1 (him) Flirt Game: 8 (her) – 2 (him)</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26sLH8aFAhE&amp;t=6s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26sLH8aFAhE&amp;t=6s</a></p>	<b>Individual</b>
<b>20</b>	<p><b>IV. Battle of the Sexes – Quiz (Round 1)</b></p> <p><i>***Students form groups according to gender.</i></p> <p><i>***Students complete the quiz assigned to their gender.</i></p> <p><b>Cellphones are not allowed.</b></p> <p><i>***Students then complete the quiz assigned to the opposite gender.</i></p> <p><i>***Tally the results.</i></p> <p><i>***Reveal the answers.</i></p> <p><a href="https://easyeventideas.com/2014/02/13/battle-of-the-sexes-game/">https://easyeventideas.com/2014/02/13/battle-of-the-sexes-game/</a></p>	<b>Groups (Genders Divided)</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>IV. Battle of the Sexes – Bonus Points (Round 2)</b></p> <p><i>***Students have to opportunity to earn 2 bonus points.</i></p> <p><i>***Pose the questions to the group. They have 30 seconds to answer.</i></p>	<b>Groups (Genders Divided)</b>
<b>15</b>	<p><b>IV. Battle of the Sexes - Charades (Round 3)</b></p> <p><i>*** Each group has 60 seconds to guess the action.</i></p>	<b>Groups (Genders Divided)</b>

<b>20</b>	<b>V. Conversations Questions + VI. Discussion</b> <i>***Students form new mixed gender groups and discuss the questions and write some of their own.</i>	<b>Groups</b> <b>(Genders Mixed)</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>VII. After Discussion</b> <i>***Students join a different partner or group and discuss what they have talked about.</i>	<b>Pair / Groups</b> <b>(Genders Mixed)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Quote</b> <i>"Nobody will ever win the Battle of the Sexes. There's too much fraternizing with the enemy."</i> <i>Henry Kissinger</i>	<b>Individual</b>



## I. BRAINSTORM

*\*\*\* In groups, list words you associate with men and women.*

Men	Women

## II. WARM UP QUESTIONS

*\*\*\*In groups, discuss the questions.*

- 1.) In general, what can men do better than women? Why do you think so?
- 2.) In general, what can women do better than men? Why do you think so?
- 3.) What are some more commonly held stereotypes with regards to women? Do you agree with any of these notions?
- 4.) What are some more commonly held stereotypes with regards to men? Do you agree with any of these notions?
- 5.) Are men and women really equal? Why/not?

### III. BATTLE OF THE SEXES – BUZZFEED VIDEO

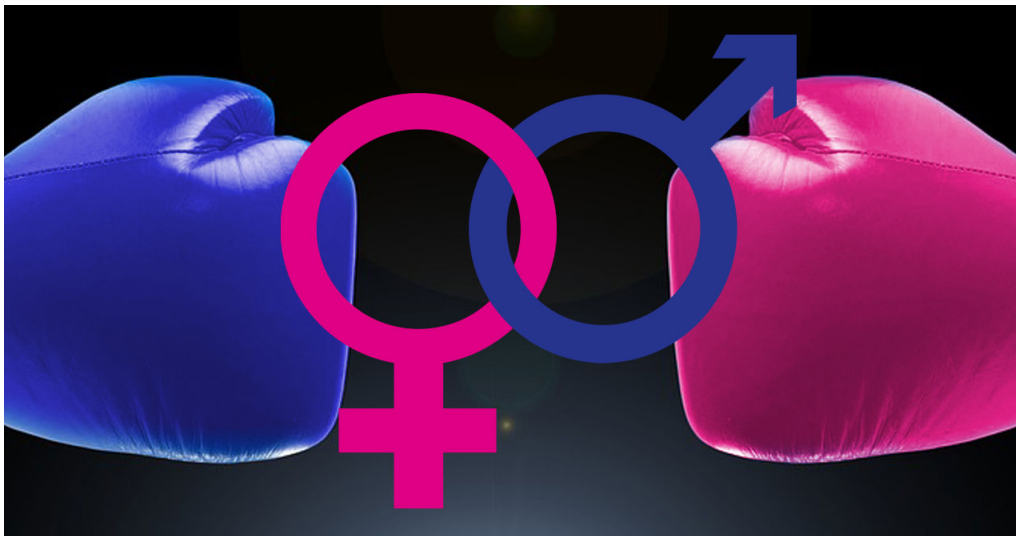
\*\*\*Vote for which category you think each gender will win.

CATEGORY	MEN	WOMEN
<i>Memory</i>		
<i>Focus</i>		
<i>Budget</i>		
<i>Sense of Smell</i>		
<i>Flirt Game</i>		

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26sLH8aFAhE&t=6s>

### IV. BATTLE OF THE SEXES – GAME TIME!

\*\*\* Gather in a group according to your gender.



<https://easyeventideas.com/2014/02/13/battle-of-the-sexes-game/>

## **V. CONVERSATION QUESTIONS**

*\*\*\*In groups, discuss the following questions.*

- 1.) Have you ever wanted to be a member of the opposite sex? What if you could change genders for just one day?
- 2.) Quickly name ten famous women. Then quickly name ten famous men. Compare the two lists and determine how similar or different the people are in terms of career, background, kinds of success, and so on.
- 3.) Who offers greater contributions to society, men or women? Why do you think so?
- 4.) Some suggest that men and women are really two separate species. What do you think? Can you give any examples that highlight your opinion?
- 5.) Would the world be a better place if women were in control? Why/not?
- 6.) Who do you think is easier to raise, boys or girls? Why?
- 7.) How do the friendships between men differ from the friendships between women? Why?
- 8.) In your country, is it easier/better to be a man or a woman? Why?

## **VI. DISCUSSION**

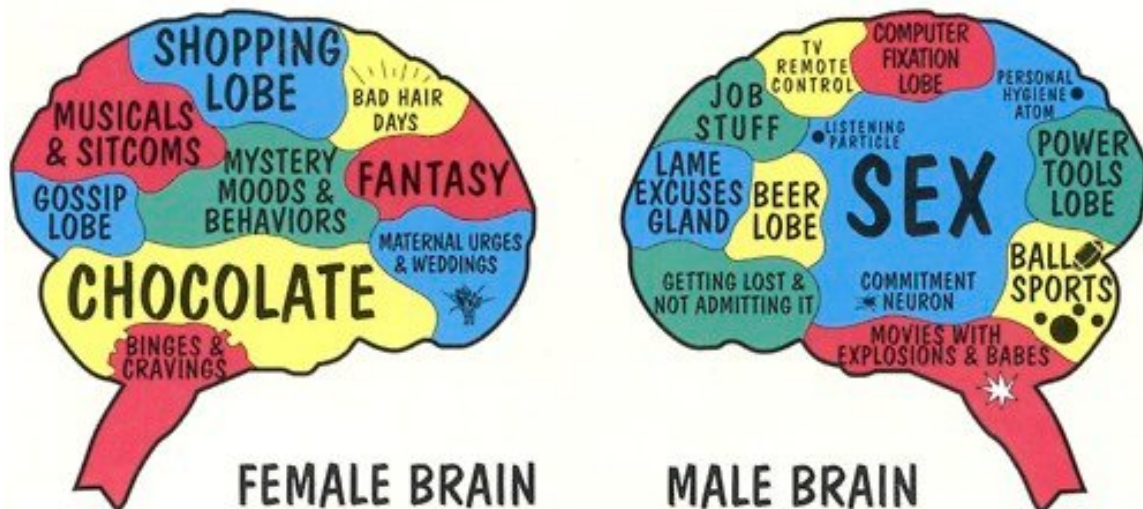
*\*\*\* Write 3 - 5 questions for discussion*

- 1.)
- 2.)
- 3.)
- 4.)
- 5.)

## VII. AFTER DISCUSSION

\*\*\* Join another partner or group and tell them what you talked about.

- 1.) What question would you like to ask about this topic?
- 2.) What was the most interesting thing you heard?
- 3.) Was there a question you didn't like?
- 4.) Was there something you totally disagreed with?
- 5.) What did you like talking about?
- 6.) Do you want to know how anyone else answered the questions?
- 7.) Which was the most difficult question?



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- 1 Denmark
- 2 Germany
- 3 Holland

2 What does the company 'Michelin' make?

- 1 Tires
- 2 Power tools
- 3 Brake Pads

3 Which major car company uses a prancing horse as its trademark?

- 1 General Motors
- 2 Porsche
- 3 Ferrari

4 Where is Jack Daniel's whisky made?

- 1 New Orleans
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5 In Formula One motor racing what does a black flag mean?

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3 Which Sign of the zodiac is represented by a set of scales?

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# Which words do you think describe femininity? Masculinity?

Self-confident Tough-skinned Strong Rebellious  
Dependent Emotional Quiet Graceful  
Clumsy Innocent Sexually-submissive  
Self-critical Hard  
Sexually-aggressive Flirtatious Weak Soft  
Non-emotional Aggressive Nurturing Experienced  
Independent Competitive Active Sensitive  
Accepting Passive