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## **Level 0**

# **Women have to pay more in shops**

**22nd January, 2016**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1601/160122-gender-tax.html>

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1601/160122-gender-tax.html>

Women pay more for things than men. Many things for women cost twice as much as those for men. A newspaper said women's clothes and beauty products are 36 per cent more expensive than those for men. One store charged double the price for pink razors. Women's Levi 501 jeans were 46 per cent more expensive than men's.

This is "sexist" pricing. A spokeswoman for the British government called it a "rip-off". A newspaper said women could be busier and have less time to go shopping. They might care more than men about quality. Men do pay more for some things. The newspaper did not look at things men like to buy.

Sources: <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/money/consumeraffairs/article4668903.ece>  
<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/b89e16da-b96c-11e5-b151-8e15c9a029fb.html>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1601/160122-gender-tax.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Women pay more for things   | a. jeans              |
| 2. things for women cost twice | b. than men           |
| 3. beauty                      | c. than men's         |
| 4. more expensive              | d. as much            |
| 5. One store charged double    | e. razors             |
| 6. pink                        | f. products           |
| 7. Women's Levi 501            | g. the price          |
| 8. more expensive              | h. than those for men |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. This is "sexist"      | a. go shopping        |
| 2. A spokeswoman for the | b. some things        |
| 3. a rip-                | c. British government |
| 4. women could           | d. to buy             |
| 5. less time to          | e. off                |
| 6. care more than men    | f. pricing            |
| 7. Men do pay more for   | g. about quality      |
| 8. things men like       | h. be busier          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1601/160122-gender-tax.html>

Women (1) \_\_\_\_\_ things than men. Many things for women (2) \_\_\_\_\_ much as those for men. A newspaper said women's clothes and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ are 36 per cent more expensive (4) \_\_\_\_\_ men. One store charged (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for pink razors. Women's Levi 501 jeans were 46 per cent (6) \_\_\_\_\_ than men's. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ pricing. A spokeswoman for the British government called it (8) \_\_\_\_\_. A newspaper said women (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and have less time to go shopping. They might care more than men (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Men do pay more (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The newspaper did not look at things (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1601/160122-gender-tax.html>

Write about **women shopping** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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