

To break the glass ceiling

Idiom of the month

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1. Tick the problems women experience at work.

- a. Lower salaries than men.
- b. Less promotions to executive roles than men.
- c. Not enough female role models.
- d. More opportunities than men.
- e. Negative attitudes to pregnancy and childcare.
- f. Fewer career opportunities in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths).

2a. Read

Remember that you can do anything, Emily.

I know, mum but the bosses at my company are all men and they don't listen to my ideas.

Your ideas are brilliant. You have to insist and break the glass ceiling.

I will, mum. I want to be the boss one day and hire more women.

2b. Complete with the idiom of the month.

Women have to _____ to create more opportunities for themselves and other women.

*The glass ceiling is an invisible barrier that stops women from achieving everything they want to achieve in their careers. To realise their full potential, women have to **break the glass ceiling** and overcome all the obstacles in their way.*



3. Match these five women to the right job. /each name needs an icon that represents the job they do next to it/

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| a. Giorgia Meloni | 1. astronaut |
| b. Leah Williamson | 2. firefighter |
| c. Mae Jemison | 3. prime minister |
| d. Sue Batten | 4. Managing Director |
| e. Christine Lagarde | 5. football captain |

4. Write the name of each woman next to the reason they broke the glass ceiling.

- _____ was the first Black woman to go into space in 1992.
- _____ was elected as Italy's first female prime minister in 2022.
- _____ was the first female firefighter to join the London Fire Brigade in 1982.
- _____ was captain of the England Women's football team in 2022 when they won the European Championship for the first time.
- _____ was the International Monetary Fund's first female Managing Director in 2011.



5. Why is it important for women to continue breaking the glass ceiling? Write max 100 words.

It is important for women to continue breaking the glass ceiling because ...

Teacher's Notes

1. Tick a,b,c,e, f.

2b. Women have to break the glass ceiling to create more opportunities for themselves and other women.

3. a3; b5; c1; d2; e4.

4. a. Mae Jemison b. Giorgia Meloni c. Sue Batten d. Leah Williamson e. Christine Lagard

5. It is important for women to continue breaking the glass ceiling because it helps future generations. Women can help themselves and others.

Interesting fact to share with your students: Up to now, 2023, no woman has ever walked on the moon.