

Dialogue

A: What kind of rights do women and men want in your country?

B: Most women and men want the right to work.

A: Do you think both partners in a relationship should expect to work in times of high **unemployment**?

B: It's often an economic **necessity** for both partners to work.

A: What if there isn't enough work to go round?

B: Then some people will be out of a job - they could be either women or men.

A: Aren't they more often women?

B: Yes, they suffer more **discrimination** in the work-place.

A: Does that happen?

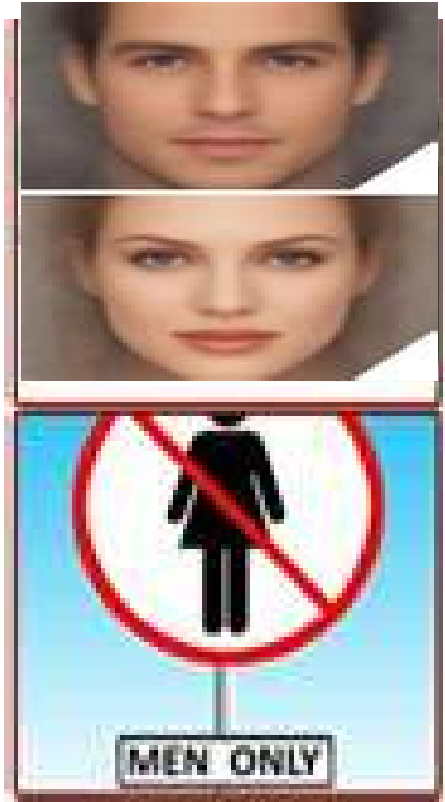
B: Perhaps not as much as it used to, but if a woman leaves a job to start family, it may be very difficult for her to return to **full-time** work.

A: Are there many **underemployed** men?

B: Yes. There are those who do **seasonal work** such as deck-chair attendants or English language teachers.

A: How about unemployed men?

B: Well, unemployment can be very **frustrating** for those men who believe that they should be the **bread-winner** in a relationship.



Vocabulary



Discrimination



Unemployment

Response

1. Who suffers more discrimination in the work place?
2. What do underemployed men do?
3. Why do you think there is gender discrimination?



Express Yourself

1. In your country, do women have equal opportunities in the work-place, for example: the same pay and promotion opportunities as men?
2. In your country, is it easy for women to continue their careers after taking time off work to start a family? Do companies provide crèches or nurseries?
3. Do you think women and men should perform the same or different roles?
4. Are men usually the bread-winners and women usually the home-makers in your country?