

Worksheet No (2)

Name	Title Reading Skills	Date
Previous Tests	W S type : Assessment	Class : Secondary Stage
Learning Outcomes: 1- To read for specific information.		

Reading

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

Women are experts at gossiping, and they always talk about trivial things, or at least that's what men have always thought. However, some new research suggests that when women talk to women, their conversations are far from playful, and cover many more topics (up to 40 subjects) than when men talk to other men. Women's conversations range from health to their houses, from politics to fashion, from films to family, from education to relationship problems. Football is notably absent. Men tend to have a more limited range of subjects, the most popular being work, sport, jokes, cars, and women.

According to Professor Petra Boynton, a psychologist at University College London, who interviewed over 1000 women, women also tend to move quickly from one subject to another in conversation, whereas men usually stick to one subject for longer periods of time. Sticking to one subject can be very helpful for men at work where they can put other matters aside and concentrate fully on the topic being discussed. On the other hand, it also means that they sometimes find it hard to concentrate when several things have to be discussed at the same time in a meeting.

Professor Boynton also says that men and women chat for different reasons. In social situations, women use conversation to solve problems and reduce stress while men chat with each other to have a laugh or to exchange opinions.

A) Answer the following questions:

1- Who always talks about trivial things?

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2- When are women's conversations far from being playful?

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3- Mention Two topics women tend to talk about?

a)

b)

4- Why is sticking to one subject helpful for men at work?

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5- According to professor Boynton, what do women use conversations for?

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B) Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F):

1- Women talk about football. ()

2- Men's topics are more important than women's topics. ()

3- When they talk, women don't stick to one subject. ()

C) Find words in the passage that mean:

1- Someone who studies the way people's minds work and how mental problems can be treated. (.....)

2- Unimportant and not serious. (.....)