

# VIDEO EXTRA

## B2.2 - FACE-2-FACE ADVANCED

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### Unit 8C

#### Difference between Men's Brains and Women's Brains:

An American comedian gives his "take" on the difference between men and women's brain and the practical implications when they relate or live together.

Link to video:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90utDTRCDDg&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90utDTRCDDg&feature=player_embedded)

#### Before You Watch

1. Vocabulary *The following words or expressions may be new :*
  - basement (n.) = bottom floor of a building; cellar
  - particular (adj.) = specific
  - subject (n.) = topic, theme
  - wire (n.) = metal in the form of a thread or thin rod (*alambre*)
  - upbringing (n.) = family teaching and training of a child; "*educación*" in the non-academic sense
  - nun(n.) = religious sister in the Catholic church
  - brain-dead (adj.) = without any activity in the brain
  - unwind (v.) = relax, free one's self of stress
  - nuts (adj. / coll.) = crazy
2. Think about the following points:
  - Have you heard or read anything about the difference between men and women's brains?
  - Do you think that men and women are innately quite different in terms of the way we use our brains or do you think it's mainly a question of individuals and the differences are exaggerated?

#### First Viewing

*Now read the following sentences. Listen to determine which sentences are true of men, which are true of women and which are true for neither according to the comedian. Write **M**, **W**, or **N**.*

1. **Their brains are made of a big ball of wire.** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Their brains are made of little boxes that don't touch each other.** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Their brains are made of big boxes that connect with each other.**  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. **They close the little boxes of their brains very carefully.** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Their brains are like internet super-highways driven by emotional energy.**  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. **Their brains are like race cars driven by sexual energy.** \_\_\_\_\_
7. **They tend to remember everything.** \_\_\_\_\_
8. **They don't care about many things.** \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Their favourite box is the “nothing box.” \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Their favourite box is the “people box.” \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Their minds never stop working. \_\_\_\_\_
12. They handle stress by not thinking or talking. \_\_\_\_\_
13. If they don’t talk when they have a problem, they will explode. \_\_\_\_\_
14. If you give them advice, they will become loving and appreciative. \_\_\_\_\_
15. They think that they are supposed to fix things. \_\_\_\_\_
16. When they are stressed, they have to do a physical activity. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Second Viewing** *Answer the following questions.*

1. What is the main rule for men’s brains?
2. What are some things that most annoy men about women?
3. What kind of school did the comedian attend when he was young and what teacher does he remember?
4. According to the speaker, what happens when you connect an event to an emotion?
5. What thing about men most drives women crazy?
6. What are two “brain-dead” activities that men love to do?
7. What are 2 or 3 things men typically say to women?
8. What are 2 or 3 things that women typically say to men?

#### **Language Focus**

*Complete using the gerund or the infinitive of the verb in parenthesis. If there is no verb, add a logical verb in the right form.*

1. Men close their boxes \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very careful  
\_\_\_\_\_ ( touch- neg.) any other box.
2. Women tend \_\_\_\_\_ ( remember) everything.
3. Women’s brains never stop \_\_\_\_\_. ( work)
4. Nothing makes a woman more irritated than \_\_\_\_\_ ( see) a man \_\_\_\_\_ nothing.
5. Men don’t understand that women just need \_\_\_\_\_ about their problems.

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6. They just want the men \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Men avoid \_\_\_\_\_ when they have problems or are stressed.
8. They refuse \_\_\_\_\_ anyone come into their “nothing box.”