

You will read an article about the International Women's Day 2015. Read the text once and decide on your favorite quote. Do not worry about vocabulary now. Ideally, do not stop when you come across new vocabulary.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2015: TOP 15 INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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The world will celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March and this year's theme is Make It Happen.

IWD has been **observed** since the early 1900s and was established by Socialist International, in their meeting in Copenhagen in 1910. The following year, the first International Women's Day was observed in several countries, including Austria, Denmark, Switzerland and Germany, **according to** the International Women's Day website.

In 1977, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution **proclaiming** a United Nations Day for Women's Rights. The United States **allotted** the whole month of March as Women's History Month. Countries like Cuba, Belarus, Cambodia, Afganistan, Ukraine have declared Women's Day a national holiday. In China, the day is a holiday for only women.

On the occasion, **IBTimes UK** has **compiled** top inspirational quotes on women empowerment.

- "If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman." - Margaret Thatcher
- "Women who seek to be equal with men **lack** ambition." - Marilyn Monroe
- "A girl should be two things: classy and fabulous." - Coco Chanel
- "One is not born a woman, but becomes one." - Simone de Beauvoir
- "Women have served all these centuries as **looking glasses** possessing the magic and delicious power of reflecting the figure of a man at twice its natural size." - Virginia Woolf
- "Whatever glory belongs to the race for a development **unprecedented** in history for the given length of time, a full share belongs to the womanhood of the race." - Mary Jane McLeod Bethune
- "Whether women are better than men I cannot say - but I can say they are certainly no worse." - Golda Meir
- "A free race cannot be born of slave mothers." - Margaret Higgins Sanger

- "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."- Maya Angelou
- "Women are the largest **untapped** reservoir of talent in the world." - Hillary Clinton
- "Think like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another **stepping stone** to greatness." - Oprah Winfrey
- "I really don't think I need buns of steel. I'd be happy with buns of cinnamon." - Ellen DeGeneres
- "Women are leaders everywhere you look -- from the CEO who *runs* a Fortune 500 company to the housewife who raises her children and *heads* her household. Our country was built by strong women, and we will continue to break down walls and defy stereotypes." - Nancy Pelosi
- "Women are the real architects of society." - Cher
- "Extremists have shown what frightens them the most: a girl with a book." - Malala Yousafzai

Go back to the text and write down answers to the following questions:

1. What is the theme of this year's celebration?
2. When was the International Women's Day celebrated for the first time?
3. What happened in 1977?
4. How does China's observation of the holiday differ from countries like Austria, Denmark, Switzerland and Germany?

Match the vocabulary in red with their synonyms. Refer to the article to see the vocabulary in context. Check the *answer key* following the chart.

Observed	As stated by
According to	Set apart (for a purpose)
Proclaiming	Stage for advancement
Allotted	Available but not used
Compiled	Celebrated
Lack	Declaring
Looking glasses	Do not have enough
Unprecedented	Put together
Untapped	Mirrors
Stepping stone	Never before seen in history

Celebrated / As stated by / Declaring / Set apart (for a purpose) / Put together / Do not have enough / Mirrors / Never before seen in history / Available but not used / Stage for advancement

Go back to the text and this time underline words you do not know. Look them up in a monolingual dictionary.

EXTRA PRACTICE

- ❖ Write down a paragraph about the article using at least five new words or phrases.
- ❖ Practice retelling what you read in the article using the new vocabulary as possible.