

Straightforward Upper Intermediate Unit 6

Vocabulary

A Complete the text with the words and phrases in the box.

a Member of Parliament candidate discrimination embodiment general election joke
ran for office set her sights on squirm to make matters worse victory

Although women often face (1) _____ when it comes to politics, Maria Sanchez wasn't going to let that get in her way. From an early age she had (2) _____ becoming a politician. In 1997 she became the youngest (3) _____ in her country's (4) _____ and, although she didn't win she was determined to try again. In 2001 she (5) _____ again. This time she was standing against Hugo Perez, (6) _____ for more than 30 years. During the election campaign Hugo made a sexist (7) _____. Ms Sanchez immediately attacked him and, during a national TV debate, made him (8) _____ with embarrassment. (9) _____ for Hugo he became seen as the (10) _____ of everything that was wrong with the political system and Maria Sanchez won a stunning (11) _____.

B Match the -isms a–e to the sentences 12–16.

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| (12) Don't worry! Everything will be OK. | a) ageism |
| (13) He's too old to be working full-time. | b) optimism |
| (14) It's never going to get better. | c) pacifism |
| (15) Oh come on! Only a man can do that! | d) pessimism |
| (16) People should never fight. It's much better to talk. | e) sexism |

C Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- (17) She turned *blush* / *bright* red when he told her he loved her.
- (18) He was so *ashamed* / *squirmed* when he realized what he'd done.
- (19) It was such an *ashamed* / *a humiliating* experience.
- (20) I *blush* / *squirmed* so much when he was speaking. I really felt uncomfortable.
- (21) What kinds of things make you *blush* / *humiliating*?

Grammar

D Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- (22) If there _____ (*be*) more women politicians the world would be a better place.
(23) He'll be a successful leader provided he _____ (*listen*) to the voters.
(24) I won't _____ (*vote*) for him, unless he promises to reduce taxes.
(25) I'm sure he would have been elected, if he _____ (*not / lie*).
(26) If you could _____ (*change*) anything in your country, what would it be?
(27) If he hadn't been famous, he wouldn't have _____ (*become*) governor of California.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words or phrases, a, b or c.

- (28) Arnold Schwarzenegger won't become president of the US _____ they change the law.

a) if b) provided c) unless

- (29) If I _____ her, I wouldn't have believed it!

a) had met b) hadn't met c) don't meet

- (30) If you _____ not to do it again, I'll give you another chance.

a) promise b) promised c) had promised

- (31) If politicians _____ I won't ever vote again.

a) kept on lying b) keep on lying c) lied

- (32) If I were you, I _____ to his advice.

a) 'd listen b) 'll listen c) listened

- (33) _____ you vote for him, you'll regret it.

a) If b) As long as c) Providing

F Tick the sentence, a or b, that has the same meaning as the first sentence.

(34) I really regret lying to you.

- a) I wish you hadn't lied.
- b) I wish I hadn't lied.

(35) I was wrong not to tell you straight away.

- a) If only I hadn't told you.
- b) If only I had told you.

(36) Please be quiet.

- a) I wish you'd stop talking.
- b) I wish you weren't so quiet.

(37) I didn't know you liked her.

- a) If only I'd known how you felt.
- b) If only I'd known you didn't like her.

(38) It's a shame that we argue all the time.

- a) I wish we didn't argue all the time.
- b) I wish we argued all the time.

G Choose the correct word or words to complete the sentences.

(39) You really *should* / *shouldn't* have thought about what you were doing.

(40) You really *should* / *shouldn't* have done that! You'll be in trouble later.

(41) I *should* / *shouldn't* have voted for him, he'll be a terrible politician.

(42) He really *should* / *shouldn't* have lied! Now nobody will trust him.

(43) If you'd thought about it you *should* / *shouldn't* have known the answer.

Functional language

H Complete the dialogue with the phrases in the box.

I don't accept that at all I don't follow I mean I'm afraid it's out of my hands
That's not what I'm saying What are you saying What I meant to say was

- Abby:** What you need to understand is that you're not suitable for this job.
- Bryan:** (44) _____?
- Abby:** I'm just saying that I don't think you're the right person for the job.
- Bryan:** Why? Is it because I'm not a woman?
- Abby:** No, of course not. (45) _____, but it would help.
- Bryan:** What do you mean?
- Abby:** (46) _____ that if you were a woman it would be easier.
- Bryan:** Easier? (47) _____.
- Abby:** (48) _____ that it's very unusual for a man to do this job.
- Bryan:** I think that's outrageous.
- Abby:** Well, you're entitled to your opinion but ...
- Bryan:** But ...?
- Abby:** (49) _____.
- Bryan:** I'm sorry, but (50) _____. This isn't the last you've heard of this.