

Embracing Fatherhood

🔦 CI Level

🔦 Duration: 1 h

🔦 Group lesson

🔦 Age: adults

🔦 Flipped classroom

🔦 Lesson goals

Can select relevant, detailed information and arguments on complex, abstract topics from multiple spoken sources (e.g. lectures, podcasts, formal discussions and debates, interviews etc.), provided that standard language is delivered at normal speed in one of the range of accents familiar to the listener.

Can give a clear, well-structured presentation of a complex subject, expanding and supporting points of view at some length with subsidiary points, reasons and relevant examples.

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At Home

Exercise 1: Match the following words with their definitions.

- a. payment or benefits given to make up for something, such as lost wages or damages
- b. the belief that all people, regardless of their gender, should have equal rights and opportunities
- c. to have a closer relationship with someone
- d. tasks related to maintaining a home, such as cleaning, cooking, and laundry
- e. an increase in efficiency or output
- f. a crucial moment that can greatly affect the outcome of a situation
- g. a natural inequality or lack of fairness
- h. a significant and deep effect on
- i. the difference in opportunities, status, and attitudes between men and women
- j. to remain calm and brave in difficult situations without showing emotions
- k. to encourage someone to do something
- l. a period of time off work granted to a father after the birth or adoption of a child
- m. a type of depression that some women experience after giving birth
- n. doubting or challenging someone's qualities or behavior as being traditionally masculine
- o. a person who earns money to support their family, typically the main or only earner

questioning someone's masculinity

to have a stronger bond

to push someone on thinking

a pivotal time

paternity leave

the gender gap

household duties

breadwinner

a profound impact on

an inherent imbalance

compensation for

postpartum depression

a boost in productivity

gender equality

be stoic and strong

Exercise 2: Complete the dialogue with the the words and phrases from the previous exercise.

Tom: Hey, Mike. I've been meaning to tell you something.

Mike: What's up?

Tom: I'm going to take _____(1) when my baby is born next month.

Mike: Really? That's great news! It's about time more men took time off for their families too.

Tom: Yeah, it's a _____ (2) for me and my wife. I want to be there for her and our baby. And I think it's important for _____ (3) in the workplace too.

Mike: Absolutely. But aren't you worried about what other people will say or how it might affect your career?

Tom: A little bit, but I don't believe in being _____ (4) and strong all the time. Sometimes it's okay to ask for help or _____ (5) thinking differently.

Mike: I hear you. It takes courage to step out of traditional roles like that. And as fathers, taking on _____ (6) can only strengthen our _____ (7) our kids.

Tom: Exactly. Plus, research shows that companies who support paternity leave see a _____ (8) productivity and a decrease in turnover rates.

Mike: That's true. Unfortunately, not every company _____ (9) for paternity leave, which is an _____ (10) imbalance between genders.

Tom: Yeah, we still have a ways to go to close the _____ (11). And let's not forget about postpartum _____ (12) – it affects dads too, not just moms.

Mike: It really does have _____ (13) parents. I wish more people would realise that. But anyway, congrats on your decision to take paternity leave – I think it sets a good example.

Tom: Thanks, man. I appreciate your support.

Exercise 3: Watch the video. What is the main idea of it? Why is this man speaking about it? What's his experience? Complete the table with the ideas from the video:



The challenges that fathers, who want to take paternity leave, face

The benefits of paternity leave mentioned in the video

Exercise 4: Find ideas supporting the opposite point of view (in YouTube videos, articles, books, etc.). Make notes and be ready to use them during the lesson.

In the Classroom

Exercise 1: Choose one of these pictures and come up with a short story describing it. Your teacher will offer you to pick 3 random cards with the words from a pile of cards. Use them in your story.



Exercise 2: Share your opinion.

Have you ever heard of paternity leave before?

Do you think it's important for fathers to take time off work when a new baby is born?

In your country, is paternity leave common or uncommon?

Have you ever known someone who has taken paternity leave?

How long do you think paternity leave should be?

Exercise 3: Split into two groups: those who push forward the law that allows fathers to take paternity leave and those who are strongly against it.

Each group needs to prepare arguments for/against paternity leave (with examples) from their respective perspectives and present them in a form of a mindmap.

- Share your ideas from the homework with your group
- Create a mind map using the target vocabulary (at least 3-4 phrases)
- Be ready to present your proposal in speech with your group mates
- Be ready to answer the questions from the other group
- Prepare at least one question each while listening to the other group's presentation

10-15 minutes for preparation
5 minutes max for presentation



Correct answers and teaching tips

At Home

Exercise 1

1. compensation for
2. gender equality
3. to have a stronger bond
4. household duties
5. a boost in productivity
6. a pivotal time
7. an inherent imbalance
8. a profound impact on
9. the gender gap
10. to be stoic and strong
11. to push someone on
12. paternity leave
13. postpartum depression
14. questioning someone's masculinity
15. breadwinner

Exercise 2

1. paternity leave
2. pivotal time
3. gender equality
4. stoic
5. push someone on
6. household duties
7. bonds with
8. boost in
9. compensates
10. inherent
11. gender gap
12. depression
13. a profound impact on

In the Classroom

Exercise 1



See “Printable activities”.

Print out the target vocabulary of the lesson (each word/phrase on a separate card) or create these cards online and offer your students to pick three and use them while telling their stories.



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Printable activities

compensation for	gender equality	to have a strong bond
household duties	a boost in productivity	a pivotal time
an inherent imbalance	a profound impact on	the gender gap
to be stoic and strong	to push someone on	paternity leave
postpartum depression	questioning someone's masculinity	breadwinner