International Women’s Day: We are #GenerationEquality

International Women’s Day is celebrated annually on 8 March. Watch this video from UN Women to find out more about the fight for gender equality.

Tasks
Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

**Preparation task**
Match the definitions (a–j) with the vocabulary (1–10).

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<td>1. ...... to draw a line in the sand</td>
<td>a. to have improved or developed</td>
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<td>2. ...... to take to the streets</td>
<td>b. to say in public that you disagree with something</td>
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<td>3. ...... to speak out against something</td>
<td>c. to set a limit on what you will accept</td>
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<td>4. ...... discrimination</td>
<td>d. not happening in public, with not many people knowing about it</td>
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<td>5. ...... behind the scenes</td>
<td>e. to forget to take someone or something with you</td>
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<td>6. ...... to stand up for something</td>
<td>f. something that makes you realise that you need to take action to change a situation</td>
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<td>7. ...... to have come a long way</td>
<td>g. to show your opinion in public, often by taking part in a demonstration or march</td>
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<td>8. ...... to be under assault</td>
<td>h. treating someone differently or unfairly because of their skin colour, gender, etc.</td>
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<td>9. ...... a wake-up call</td>
<td>i. to defend or support something</td>
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<td>10. ...... to leave someone or something behind</td>
<td>j. to be attacked violently</td>
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Task 1
Choose the ideas which are mention in the video.

______ Today’s generation no longer accepts the unfair treatment of women.
______ We must have more women politicians if we want to change things.
______ Things are better than before, but women still don’t have equal rights.
______ We should try to be and do our best, but not forget to include others.
______ The most important thing is equal pay for women.
______ Everyone should try to do something to change the world for a better future.

Task 2
Complete the sentences with words from the box.

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1. Equal ____________________ for women!
2. We take to the streets to speak out against ____________________.
3. We stand up for ____________________.
4. We start with a statement and watch it become a ____________________.
5. We have come a long way, but the ____________________ isn’t over.
6. It is time to take ____________________.
7. Change everything or ____________________ just one thing.
8. We are all together, united for gender ____________________.

Discussion
How is International Women’s Day celebrated in your country?
Answers

Preparation task

1. c
2. g
3. b
4. h
5. d
6. i
7. a
8. j
9. f
10. e

Task 1

✔ Today’s generation no longer accepts the unfair treatment of women.

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✔ We should try to be and do our best, but not forget to include others.

□ The most important thing is equal pay for women.

✔ Everyone should try to do something to change the world for a better future.

Task 2

1. rights
2. discrimination
3. peace
4. movement
5. fight
6. action
7. change
8. equality