

Discrepancies at work

1. Complete the missing letters in these countries:

I C _ _ _ _ D - N _ R _ _ Y - F _ N _ _ _ D - S _ E _ _ N
 IR _ _ _ _ D - Y _ M _ N - P _ K _ _ _ _ N - S Y _ _ A -
 C H _ D - I _ _ N - J _ R _ _ N -

2. Match the words with their definitions:

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| 1. health | A) become equal with |
| 2. ranked | B) intelligent |
| 3. target | C) what you have if you are not ill |
| 4. lag behind | D) assigned to a particular position in a list |
| 5. catch up | E) are late |
| 6. earn | F) identify |
| 7. gap | G) competent |
| 8. skilled | H) make money by working |
| 9. smart | I) difference |

3. Now, listen to the audio and correct this summary if necessary:

This article is about a report by the World Economic Forum that found out that in every country in the world, women are not yet equal to men, in terms of wages, health, education, job opportunities and political power.

4. Listen again and complete the table:

| Country | Rank |
|---------|------------------|
| | 1st |
| | 2nd |
| | 3rd |
| | 4th |
| | 5 th |
| | 28 th |
| | 140th |
| | 145th |

5. What do these numbers refer to in the recording?

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| 126 _____ | 97 _____ |
| 145 _____ | 4 _____ |
| 68 _____ | 2015 _____ |
| 10 _____ | |

6. Here is the transcription of the audio. Listen again and fill in the gaps.

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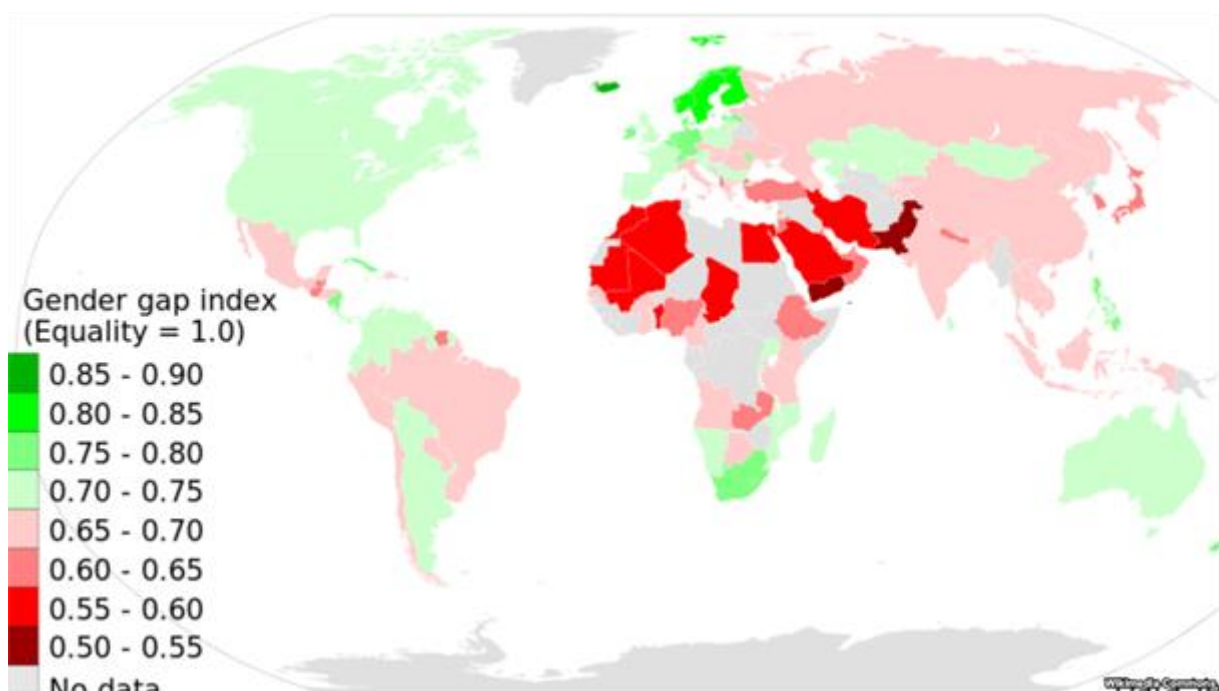
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Words in This Story

equity – *n.* fairness in how people are treated

opportunity – *n.* an amount of time or a situation in which something can be done

gender – *n.* male or female