English for All: Episode 14

**Women Today**

Women today are involved in all aspects of society. Traditionally, women’s participation in society was often limited to home and family matters. They were mothers and wives and participated little in areas such as politics and business. In the last few decades, the role of women has expanded a great deal. Women are involved in every aspect of society including government, medicine, sports, business, sciences, etc. Women and men who come to the United States from other countries can find themselves adjusting to a challenging new reality.

**Fact and Opinion**

Fact: A statement that can be proven. (The sun gives light and heat.)

Opinion: A statement that represents the view/opinion of one or more people. (Dogs are dangerous animals).

* Next to the number, write ***F* for a fact** and ***O* for an opinion.**

\_\_\_1. Women are always sensitive. \_\_\_2. Men are strong.

\_\_\_3. Only men can do construction work. \_\_\_4. Only women can cook and clean the house.

\_\_\_5. Men and women can do well in school. \_\_\_6. Women’s role in society is changing.

\_\_\_7. There are more professional women today than 30 years ago.

\_\_\_8. Many married women work full-time jobs. \_\_\_9. Women are responsible for raising the family.

\_\_\_10. Some men find it hard to adjust to changes in women’s roles.

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**Adverbs of Frequency** are words that tell us how often an action occurs.

Never = 0% of the time Seldom = 10-20% of the time Sometimes = 30-50% of the time Usually = 50-60% of the time Often = 60-80% of the time Always = 100% of the time

Examples: Cornelio **never** rides the bus. They **often** eat at that restaurant.

\_\_\_1. Marta is never late.

a. is b. late c. never

\_\_\_2. Cornelio is always bothering Marta.

a. is b. always c. Marta

\_\_\_3. Viviana is often with her friend, Kim.

a. often b. Kim c. friend

\_\_\_4. Sometimes Mr. Cook gets angry.

a. angry b. sometimes c. gets

\_\_\_5. School is always a safe place for students.

a. always b. safe c. students

\_\_\_6. Mr. Marquez is seldom absent.

a. absent b. Mr. c. seldom

\_\_\_7. Never say good bye.

a. Never b. say c. good bye