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# Dissecting a Text

## Part 2

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# What are we going to do?

1. Read a text carefully
2. *Understand simple sentences*
3. *Identifying connectors, conjunctions, linking words*
4. *Finding expressions*
5. *Giving opinions, agreeing or disagreeing*



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# Let's put them together!

Conjunctions	Linking Words	Articles
And	However	The
Nor	Additionally	A
Or	Even though	Some
Since	Hence	Their
If	Thus	These
	Herein	Etc...





# Now, let's try to give your opinion!

As previously stated, Islam regards women as one of the two pillars of the society and has given them various responsibilities. Women cannot and must not be crippled members or useless constituents of the society. Islam regards work as an obligation and a superior form of worship and warns its supporters to avoid idleness, vanity, and retirement from work. There are many Hadith regarding this issue, some of which are mentioned below.

*----- The opinions you give can come from this statement, whether you agree or disagree with the statement. Remember to try the sentences from the previous meetings or to build your own sentences.*

Example:

- I believe that women in Islam are an important part of society.
- In my opinion, women hold an important place in society and have many different responsibilities.
- I disagree with the idea that women were crippled members of society.





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The Messenger of Allah (S) has stated: “Worship has seventy elements; the noblest of which is endeavoring to gain legitimate income.”

The noble Musa ibn Ja‘far (‘a) has declared: “Surely Allah, the Honored, the Glorified, disfavours languid and idle servants.”

According to Islam, working is not a right but a duty and men and women are no different in this regard. Women must also perform their social duties and they are free in choosing their occupation. However, taking heed of the special physical and spiritual genesis of women, not all lines of work are consistent with their eminence or abilities and other members of the society. Women are exquisite, sensitive, and beautiful beings. Because of this exquisiteness and beauty, they have much allure and influence with men.

*----- We can also agree or disagree with the statements as long as we have the right fact to encounter. We also need facts to support the statements.*

Example:

1. I agree with the fact that men and women are no different when it comes to working as a responsibility.
2. I disagree with the statements that not all lines of work are consistent with their eminence or abilities, because I have seen women in my life thrive in a lot of different areas of occupations.