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Class: _____ Date: _____

Who Does It Better?

An activity of "The Rock' is the highest paid actor"

Read **"Actresses fight for equal pay"** (page 14, *What's Up* September 2020). Not paying women fairly is common all over the world. Statistics clearly show that women at many workplaces are paid less than men for doing the same work. Conduct your own quick poll to explore this further.

- VOTE AS A CLASS:** Choose a Poll Conductor and a Vote Counter. Divide the class into three groups. The Poll Conductor reads out an item from **LIST A**. Every student votes by raising one hand for thinking women do it better, keeping both hands on the desk for thinking men do it better, and folding arms to say both men and women do it equally well. The Vote Counter keeps score for each category in the table below. Repeat this until all the items in **LIST A** are covered.

LIST A: Our Votes							
Who does it better?	Men	Women	Both	Who does it better?	Men	Women	Both
1. Carrying a baby				9. Singing			
2. Logical thinking				10. Styling of hair			
3. Counselling				11. Flying a plane			
4. Dressing a wound				12. Delivering a baby			
5. Explaining concepts				13. Planning trips			
6. Managing an ill dog				14. Putting out fires			
7. Fixing broken things				15. Debating			
8. Handling money				16. Performing magic			

- PREDICT INDIVIDUALLY:** For the professions in **LIST B**, predict who will be **paid more in 2020** for the job done. Indicate your choice with a "\$\$\$" sign in the correct column against each profession.

LIST B Professions	Predictions			Professions	Predictions		
	Women	Men	Same		Women	Men	Same
1. Infant Care Assistant				9. Pop Star			
2. Mathematician				10. Hair Stylist			
3. Social Worker				11. Pilot			
4. Nurse				12. Gynaecologist			
5. Teacher				13. Travel agent			
6. Veterinarian				14. Fire fighter			
7. Engineer				15. Lawyer			
8. Banker				16. Magician			

- WORK IN SMALL GROUPS:** Share your understanding of this issue by discussing the following.
 - Highlight the items in **LIST A** where the students agree the most about who is better. Is there any pattern that can be seen between List A's poll results and your predictions in **LIST B**?
 - Is it really true that either men or women are naturally better at these tasks? Explain your view.
 - Why do you think there is such a huge gender-pay gap and opportunities gap between male and female actors in Hollywood? Do you think the reasons might apply to other places as well?