



# WATCH & LEARN: LEADERSHIP & INFLUENCE

## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: BBC TOP 100

### 100 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN (2:59 min)

#### VIDEO Script & Vocabulary (page 1 of 2/v34858)

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Off

(Dec, 2023) BBC has revealed its list of 100 inspiring and influential women from around the world for 2023.

- 1 Read the **Video Script** below. The words in **bold** are defined in the **Vocabulary** section. Look up any new words in a dictionary.
- 2 Go to the **Your Turn** section at the end of this document. Practice using new words and expressions from the video script to prepare for your next class.
- 3 Look at the **Discussion Questions** and prepare your responses for the next class.

### Video Script:

**BBC News Journalist:** The BBC's 100 women list for 2023 has been **unveiled**. It celebrates inspiring and influential women around the world. And among them are human rights lawyer Amal Clooney, Hollywood star America Ferrera, feminist icon Gloria Steinem and the former US First Lady, Michelle Obama. And in recognition of the **disproportionate** impact that climate change is having on the lives of women and girls, this year's list **highlights** those leading the battle against the climate crisis.

**Wildlife Protection Activist:** Society doesn't encourage women to go out there and do **daring** and dangerous things. Working with gorillas gives me a lot of hope.

**BBC News Journalist:** Our planet's environment and wildlife are **at stake**. For some of our nominees, it's all about preparing the next generation.

**Ocean Ecology Specialist:** We need all hands on deck to ensure that these little ones that are **growing up** become ocean guardians **in their own right**.

**BBC News Journalist:** Besides climate pioneers, the BBC's 100 women list **showcases** inspiring and influential women who are **defying** societal norms.

**Various women succeeding in traditionally male-dominated professions:** I've been doing this for 18 years and yet every time I do it, I think "so cool"! The women who came here were so strong.

**BBC News Journalist:** As the climate crisis continues to impact humans in our planet, we speak to women who use their platforms to demand change.

**Dia Mirza, UN Goodwill Ambassador for India:** I don't know why it is so hard for people to understand that we actually don't have another planet to move to. We're taking a living planet and killing it.

**BBC News Journalist:** We are seeing the impact of climate change like never before. In coastal areas, the rising sea levels are **devastating** lives and destroying whole communities.

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### INTERMEDIATE (B1 - B2) AND ABOVE

- ◊ Read the script and note new vocabulary
- ◊ Write three sentences using new vocabulary
- ◊ Prepare for the discussion questions

### Discussion Questions:

- ◊ How would you characterize the progress of women in positions of leadership, decision making and influence in the world today?
- ◊ What are some of the most critical areas still in need of a much stronger push towards reaching equality of leadership with men?
- ◊ Who are some of the most inspiring women leaders in the world today and why do you find their work so important?

### Vocabulary:

- **unveil** - show or announce publicly for the first time
- **disproportionate** - too large or too small in comparison with something else
- **highlight** - draw special attention to
- **daring** - (of a person or action) adventurous or audaciously bold
- **at stake** - at risk; at issue of in question
- **grow up** - advance to maturity; develop into an adult
- **in their own right** - because of your own ability, effort or situation and not because of anything else
- **showcase** - exhibit; display; bring attention to
- **defy** - openly resist or refuse to obey
- **devastating** - highly destructive or damaging





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**Unidentified female resident of a coastal area impacted by rising sea levels:** I have been affected three times by the tidal waves. The fourth one made me relocate to this place. If this place also gets **washed away** by the sea, it means we will have nothing.

**BBC News Journalist:** The changes in the environment are hitting the world's poorest, putting women and girls at a higher risk of exploitation and inequality. Some of the most high-profile humanitarians in the world have joined forces to **tackle** the practice of child marriage

**Amal Clooney, Human Rights Lawyer:** Women's rights in general, girls rights, is, you know, it's about **unshackling** half the population in every country. So, if you want to make progress in human rights, you have to start with the rights of girls.

**Michelle Obama:** This is an urgent issue, the health of women and girls on this planet measures the health of our planet and we can do better, you know. This is this is an issue that can be **solved** tomorrow if all the world leaders got together and made it a priority. It wouldn't take 300 years. It could happen in less than a generation.

**BBC News Journalist:** And you can **find out** more about these another inspiring women on the BBC 100 woman list. Well worth having a look at what is happening for the rest of the season as well. It's all on the BBC News website.

**Vocabulary continued...**

- **wash away** - carry (something) away by the movement of water
- **tackle** - make determined efforts to deal with (a problem or difficult task)
- **unshackle** - liberate; set free
- **solve** - find an answer to, explanation for, or means of effectively dealing with (a problem or mystery)
- **find out** - discover a fact or piece of information

**Your Turn! Using new vocabulary is the best way to learn and remember it.**

- 1 Choose three words or expressions from the video that are new to you and write a sentence using each one in the box below.
- 2 Try to use them in a context that is familiar to you to help you retain them.
- 3 Please ask for feedback on your sentences in the next lesson.

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