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Self-study: Intermediate

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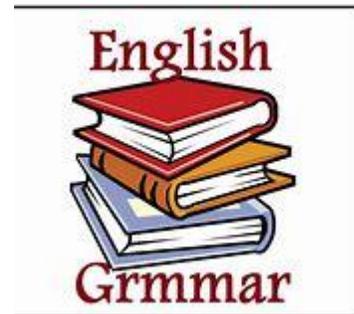
This lesson



Vocabulary



Reading



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The strike on 8th March 2019 was a different way to make women more powerful. Lola Olufemi writes about the strike.

Across the world, many women refused to work on 8 March 2019. This was to make people think about how important women are in our social and economic lives.

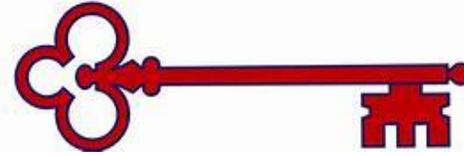
Many feminist groups in the UK supported the strike, including Sisters Uncut, Feminist Fightback, The English Collective of Prostitutes, SWARM, and Brazilian Women against Fascism. They agree we need to fight against the system.

Across the world people expect women to do unpaid work. They expect them to look after children, clean, buy and cook food. If all of this stops, it will show that capitalism depends on women's unpaid work. Then we can think of other possibilities. So this kind of activism could change society.

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In London, the strike included marches, workshops, parties, child-care for mothers, and protests. One workshop is about violence to women, for example, to sex workers.

A feminist future could make the world better for all people. A Women's Strike could make men think how important women are. Women's work is often invisible, for example caring, listening, smiling, and helping. The strike said that an important revolution is coming. But there are many women who cannot afford to strike.

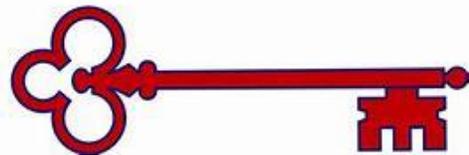
Many people exploit women, and the Women's Strike was a place to come together and think about how to change this.

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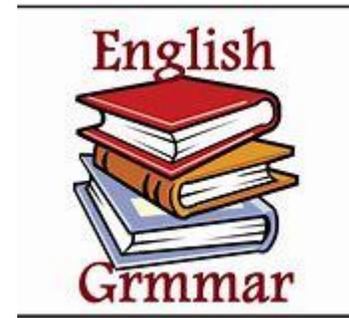
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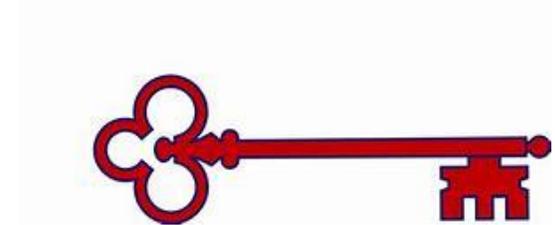
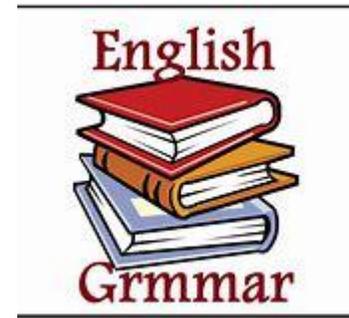
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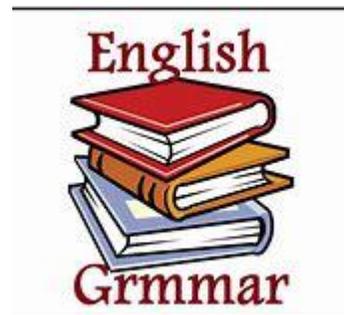
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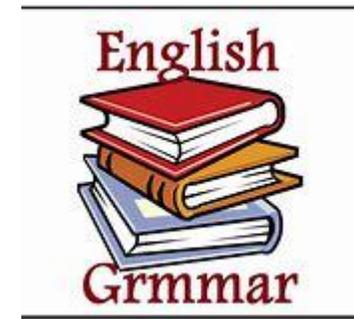
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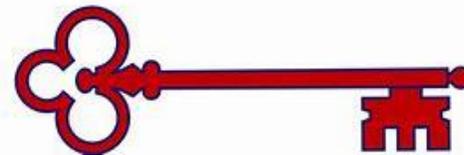


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Women could make the world better.

Woman could change society.

A revolution could come.



Read the LONGER article. How much can you understand?

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