

Listen to or read the following article (try to understand the meaning of the highlighted words):

Women prefer to work for male bosses... because they're 'better managers and less prone to moods'

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Most women prefer to work for male bosses because they are less **prone** to mood swings, research revealed yesterday.

Two thirds of female employees said they like having a man in charge in the office.

Those questioned also said male bosses are more authoritative, straight-talking and better at making decisions than their female **counterparts**.



Battle of the sexes: Two thirds of women say they prefer working for a male boss because they are better decision-makers than their female counterparts

But the study did find the **fairer sex** are better at delegation and more likely to dish out praise.

The statistics come ten days after Harriet Harman declared men in power can't be trusted. Labour's deputy leader said: 'I don't agree with all-male leaderships.

'Men cannot be left to run things on their own. I think it's a thoroughly bad thing to have a men-only leadership.'

The results of the survey also revealed four out of ten women who have female bosses believe they could do a better job than their superior.

The **research** found while women are good at dealing with employees' personal issues within the office environment most felt men were better at 'steering the ship'.

'Men were also revealed to be better at having an **overall** vision of the direction the business was going to take over the long-term,' the spokesman claimed.

'But women were better at dealing with those slightly uncomfortable issues that pop up from time to time because they were felt to be better listeners than men.

'The results do paint a picture of men being a bit harder and more **driven**, but that isn't always the kind of approach which is needed.'

The study of 2,000 women in full or part-time employment were asked whether they would prefer to have a man or woman as their immediate line manager.

Sixty three per cent **expressed** a male preference, while only 37 per cent **opted** for a woman.

The main reasons **cited** were mood swings and bringing personal problems to work.

MATCH THE MEANINGS

Did you understand the meaning of the words? Try to match the following:

Prone

ambitious

Counterparts

study

Fairer sex

indicated

Research

having a tendency

Overall

equivalents

Driven

chose

Expressed

females

Opted

quoted

Cited

generally

COMPREHENSION - TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Most women prefer to work for men because they are less likely to have moods.
2. More than half said they prefer working for a male boss.
3. The study found that women are more likely to give praise.
4. Most women think men are good at sailing ships.
5. The results show that men aren't as hard as women.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Describe the perfect boss
2. Have you ever had any bad bosses?
3. Do you think you do/would make a good boss?
4. Do you think being in charge is something you learn or are born with?
5. What are some of the negative traits of a bad boss?
6. Have you ever had a female boss in the past? If so, what was your experience?
7. Do you think men or women make good bosses? Why?
8. Do you think there are any jobs where women are better than men? Or where men are better than women?
9. Do you think women have more to prove as bosses?
10. Do you think women make tougher bosses?
11. Do you agree with Harriet Harman?

NOW YOU THINK OF SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOUR TEACHER

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

5. _____
6. _____

RATE THE FOLLOWING

What do you think are the most important qualities in a boss, rate the following and give your reasons.

- Understanding
- Good communication skills
- Level headed
- Driven
- Good at making decisions
- Good at delegation
- Helps out when busy
- Lets you have time off

Can you think of any additional qualities that are not listed above?

THINK OF A SENTENCE

Think of a sentence for each of the highlighted words in the article.

e.g. 'I am very **prone** to colds'

Prone

Counterparts

Fairer sex

Research

Overall
