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- "Women and men have 'separate spheres'."
- "Most women do not want the vote."
- "Women's role is in local affairs."
- "Women are already represented by their husbands."
- "It is dangerous to change a system that works."
- "Women do not fight to defend their country."

Above are some of the reasons given for denying women the right to vote during the 1900s. How far do you agree with these statements? Explain your answer in detail.

2. Research: Use the internet to find out the following:

- Which is the only country in the world where women still cannot vote and why?
- In which country were women allowed to vote for the first time in 2015?
- Find a timeline of women's rights in the UK. Choose one of the rights to focus on and research how those rights came about.



# Votes for Women Answers

1. Why were women not allowed to vote in the 19<sup>th</sup> century?  
**Women were not allowed to vote because they were considered to be homemakers and it was presumed that their husbands would take care of financial and political matters.**
2. Why did the women's voting rights movement increase from 1867?  
**The women's voting rights movement increased after 1867 when a bill from John Stuart Mill failed to be passed through parliament.**
3. What does the word 'suffrage' mean?  
**Suffrage means the right to vote.**
4. Explain why the suffragettes split from the suffragists.  
**The suffragettes split from the suffragists because they thought the suffragists' methods weren't extreme enough to further their cause.**
5. Where did the name 'suffragette' come from?  
**The name 'suffragette' was a name given to the group by the London Daily Mail newspaper.**
6. How did the suffragettes' methods differ from those used by the suffragists?  
**The suffragette's methods were far more extreme than those used by the suffragists. The suffragists used law-abiding peaceful methods such as lobbying MPs, organising petitions and non-violent demonstrations. The suffragettes used extreme law-breaking methods such as: disrupting political meetings, attacking politicians, breaking windows and committing acts of arson.**
7. What is Emily Wilding Davison remembered for?  
**Emily Wilding Davison is remembered for killing herself for the cause by throwing herself under the King's horse at the Derby.**
8. Explain what 'The Cat and Mouse Act' was.  
**'The Cat and Mouse Act' was brought in by the government to deal with hunger strikers. It meant women were released from jail when they were on the brink of starvation and then rearrested when they regained strength.**
9. What did the suffragettes do from 1914 onwards and why?  
**The suffragettes suspended their protests from 1914 onwards to concentrate on the war effort.**
10. In which year were all women over 21 given the same voting rights as men?  
**All women over 21 were given the same voting rights as men in 1928.**

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**Vatican City is the only country in the world where women still cannot vote. The only election that takes place there is to elect a new Pope. Only cardinals are eligible to vote, and since women cannot be cardinals, they cannot vote.**

- In which country were women allowed to vote for the first time in 2015?

**Women were allowed to vote for the first time in 2015 in Saudi Arabia.**

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