

Q U E S T I O N :

WHICH ARE - IN YOUR VIEW - THE MAIN DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN YOUR LIFE AS A YOUNG WOMAN
AND THAT OF YOUR MOTHER
AT THE SAME AGE ?

A N S W E R S :

1. MORE FREEDOM

- MORE OPPORTUNITIES,
WIDER CHOICES
- FEWER LIMITATIONS
IMPOSED BY SOCIETY
- BETTER SOCIO-ECONOMIC
CONDITIONS

2. CAREER EXPECTATIONS

3. DIFFERENT FAMILY LIFE

- AGE OF MARRIAGE
- FAMILY-CENTEREDNESS
- ATTITUDE TOWARDS SEXUALITY

4. ACCESS TO EDUCATION/INFORMATION

5. ATTITUDES TOWARDS LIFE

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THIS IS
THE FEELING
OF 26

YOUNG WOMEN:
• 13 FROM EURO-
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• 10 FROM JAPAN
• 3 FROM CANADA

MORE OPPORTUNITIES, WIDER CHOICES

- I HAVE MORE FREEDOM (64 E)
- I FEEL FREE, INDEPENDENT, SURE FOR MYSELF
- I HAVE FREEDOM TO DO WHAT I LIKE (3 J)
- I HAVE MORE FREEDOM, MORE INDEPENDENCE,
MORE OPPORTUNITY (7 J)
- I HAVE THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE (43 C)
- I HAVE A SOMEWHAT WIDER RANGE OF CHOICES
- I HAVE MUCH MORE POSSIBILITIES (109 E)
- I HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO WHAT I
WANT TO DO (7 E)
- I HAVE MORE CHOICE.
I CAN DO WHAT I WANT (100 E)
- THERE IS A CHOICE (61 E)
- SHE HAD NO CHOICE (75 E)
- TO DO WHATEVER I CHOSE (11 E)
- FREEDOM TO CHOSE FROM MORE JOBS (74 E)
- THE RIGHT TO MAKE MY DECISION
ABOUT MY LIFE (8 J)
- ON PEUT FAIRE N'IMPORTE QUOI QUE L'ON VEUT
FAIRE (17 J)
- TO BE ABLE TO SEARCH OWN WAY OF LIFE (31 J)
- AUJOURD'HUI ELLES ONT LE CHOIX
ENTRE PLUS DE CHEMINS POUR VIVRE (16 J)
- THEY CAN DO ALMOST ANYTHING
IF THEY TRY HARD (6 J)
- TO DO AS I PLEASE, E.G., CAREER,
CHOICE OF BOY-FRIEND (63 E)
- IT IS EASIER TO DO WHAT I LIKE TO (108 E)
- MY ABILITY TO BE INDEPENDENT - LIVE
AND TRAVEL ON MY OWN (11 J)
- MORE POSSIBILITIES FOR
PERSONAL GROWTH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
(14 J)

MORE OPPORTUNITIES, WIDER CHOICES

- I HAVE WIDER CHOICES.
I CAN DO ALMOST WHATEVER
I REALLY WANT TO DO.
I HAVE A LOT OF CHANCES TO DO SOMETHING.
(2 J)
- THE FREEDOM TO CHOSE THE WORK YOU WANT,
THE RELATIONSHIPS
AND WHAT STYLE OF LIVING
YOU WANT TO BE LIVING. (76 E)
- A VARIETY OF LIFE-STYLES TO CHOSE FROM.
(48 C)
- TENHO MUITO MAIS "MOVIMENTAÇÃO"
EM MUITOS SENTIDOS.
POSSO PERCORRER ESPAÇOS QUE NÃO FORAM
PERMITIDOS À MINHA MÃE. (55 E)

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FEWER LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY SOCIETY

- THE SOCIAL PRESSURE TO CONFORM HAS DECREASED (9 J)
- PEOPLE DON'T EXPECT AUTOMATICALLY FROM ME TO PREPARE FOR THE "RÔLE OF HOUSEWIFE" (108 E)
- PEOPLE DIDN'T HAVE SO MUCH UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WORKING WOMEN AND MOTHERS (29 J)
- SOCIETY HAS GENERALLY MORE LIBERAL ATTITUDE TODAY TOWARDS WOMEN IN SPORTS, POLITICS, IN THE WORK FORCE (41 J)
- THE SITUATION ALLOWS WOMEN LIKE MYSELF TO HAVE RELATIVELY WIDE OPTIONS FOR THEIR OWN LIFE (4 E)
- WOMEN NOW CAN INDEPENDENTLY ACT IN SOCIETY AND JUDGE THINGS ON THEIR OWN IDEAS (16 J)
- MY ABILITY TO SEE MYSELF AS AN INDEPENDENT WOMAN ABLE TO DEFINE MY FUTURE IN MY OWN WAY AND NOT IN TERMS OF SOMEONE ELSE (11 J)

• MY LINKS WITH SOCIETY ARE DIFFERENT
I GET IN TOUCH WITH PEOPLE
FROM MANY COUNTRIES,
EACH WITH A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE OF LIFE.
(51 E)

• UNE "MOBILITÉ SOCIALE":
CONSÉQUENCE DE MA SITUATION SOCIALE
ACTUELLE, JE RENCONTRE DE MANIÈRE CONSTANTE
DES INDIVIDUS D'UNE CLASSE SOCIALE DIFFÉ-
RENTE DE LA MIENNE.
MA MÈRE VIVAIT LES AUTARCIES:
NE QUITTANT PAS SON MILIEU, ELLE SE MARIE
AVEC UN HOMME DE SON MILIEU, FRÉQUENTE EN-
SUITE LES AMIS PROFESSIONNELS DE SON MARI.
(65 C)

- SHE DIDN'T THINK THAT SHE WAS FREE AS MUCH AS I THINK THAT I AM FREE. (23 J)
- BECAUSE I HAVE MORE CHOICES IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT. (100 E)
- MY LIFE IS LESS PREDICTABLE. (111 E)



THIS IS
THE FEELING
OF 23
YOUNG WOMEN:
.11 EUROPE
.9 JAPAN
.2 CANADA

FEWER LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY SOCIETY

- YOUNG WOMEN TODAY HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.
WHILE 30 YEARS AGO, DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN WAS HARD ENOUGH TO LIMIT SUCH OPPORTUNITIES. (16 J)
- THERE ARE LESS RESTRICTIONS ON WOMEN (66 C)
- THERE ARE FAR LESSER SOCIAL CONSTRAINTS (59 E)
- PEOPLE ARE LESS STRICT NOWADAYS (101 E)
- I AM NOT OBLIGED TO GIVE INFORMATION WHEREVER I GO (57 E)
- IL Y A UNE GRANDE INDÉPENDANCE FACE À LA FAMILLE, ON PEUT SORTIR LE SOIR (53 E)
- JE SENS QUE MA VIE S'EST LIBÉRÉE DES TÂCHES ET DU SYSTÈME FAMILIAL (22 J)
- IL EXISTAIT UN CERTAIN FATALISME DANS LA DÉPENDANCE DES JEUNES FEMMES PAR RAPPORT AUX PARENTS (54 E)
- I HAVE MORE INDEPENDENCE. THERE IS MORE FOR ME TO DO (102 E)

• THE EXPECTATION SOCIETY HAD ABOUT HER WOMAN'S RÔLE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE EXPECTATION TODAY'S SOCIETY HAS ABOUT ME.

AND, BECAUSE OF THAT, HER PERFORMED SOCIAL RÔLES WERE VERY MUCH LIMITED THAN MINE.

(14 J)

- THERE IS MORE OPENNESS (110 E)
- GREATER ACCEPTANCE OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY (104 E)

SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

THIS IS FELT
BY 4 FROM EUROPE,
2 FROM JAPAN,
2 FROM CANADA

- MY MOTHER ALREADY WORKED AS A TEACHER
AND I AM STILL STUDYING (107 E)
- PEOPLE HAD TO WORK HARDER BEFORE (101 E)
- I HAVE AN INCOME OF MY OWN
SHE DID NOT (77 E)
- DIFFERENCE: THE HIGHER STANDARD
OF LIVING (101 E)
- MOTHER HAD FEWER FINANCIAL RESOURCES (39 C)
- JE SUIS FINANCIÈREMENT AISÉE (71 C)
- NOW JAPAN IS MUCH RICHER IN SUBSTANCE,
FOOD AND USEFUL TOOLS THAN 20-30 YEARS
AGO (3 J)
- JE VIS DANS L'ABONDANCE
TANDIS QU'ELLE A VÉCU DANS UNE
FAMILLE PAUVRE (19 J)

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CAREER EXPECTATIONS - CAREER EXPECTATIONS - CAREER

- SHE HAD NO CHOICE: GETTING CHILDREN WAS NORMAL
MAKING A CAREER FOR A MARRIED WOMAN WAS NOT NORMAL.
SHE COULD ONLY START HER CAREER WHEN HER CHILDREN
WERE OLDER AND UPGROWN. (75 E)
- WOMEN NOW EXPECT TO HAVE A CAREER (59 E)
- MORE OPPORTUNITY AND EXPECTATIONS OF CAREER WOMEN (60 E)
- PERMANENT CAREER RATHER THAN FILLING IN JOB (61 E)
- MY MOTHER HAD A FUTURE: WORK, MARRIED, CHILDREN,
THAT WAS NORMAL, NOT MAKING CAREER (100 E)
- LA VIE PROFESSIONNELLE - PLUS D'ÉTUDES, MOINS DE
SEGRÉGATION, PLUS DE RESPONSABILITÉ (81 E)
- LA VIE PROFESSIONNELLE ÉTAIT RÉLÉGUÉE EN FAVEUR
DE LA VIE DOMESTIQUE (54 E)
- I'M WORKING. I MAY SAY THAT I AM A ENOUGH
ACTIVE YOUNG WOMAN IN COMPARISON WITH MY MOTHER
WHO NEVER WAS. (58 E)
- WOMEN TEND TO CONTINUE TO WORK AFTER THEY GET
MARRIED, HAVE LESS CHILDREN AND LIVE LONGER LIFE (6 J)
- "CAREER" (5 J)
- I PURSUED ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHANCES
TO BE A CAREER WOMAN AND DEVOTE TIME AND EFFORTS
TO IT RATHER THAN STARTING IN PLANNING ABOUT
HAVING FAMILY (11 J)
- LA JEUNE FEMME PEUT TRAVAILLER LIBREMENT (18 J)
- NOUS, DES JEUNES FEMMES CONTEMPORAINES, AVONS
PLUSIEURS POSSIBILITÉS DE CARRIÈRE (21 J)
- IT WAS NOT SO USUAL TO CONTINUE WORKING
AFTER GETTING MARRIED (27 J)
- I HAVE A CAREER (67 C)
- I SEE SERVICE OR CAREER AS MY PREFERRED
CHOICES FOR LIFE (74 EUA)



DIFFERENT FAMILY LIFE - DIFFERENT FAMILY LIFE - DIFF

NOTED BY
 18 YOUNG WOMEN:
 .8 CANADA
 .4 JAPAN
 .4 EUROPE
 AGE RANGING
 FROM
 18
 TO
 30

AGE OF MARRIAGE

MY MOTHER.....

- .. WAS MARRIED AT 18 (62 E -18)
- .. AT THE AGE OF 25
 WAS MARRIED
 AND HAD 3 CHILDREN(51 E-28)
- .. WAS ENGAGED WITH
 MY FATHER (107 E-22)
- .. WAS MARRIED
 AND HAD 3 CHILDREN(77 E-29)
- .. HAD HUSBAND
 AND CHILDREN (1 J-23)
- .. HAD FAMILY
 AND CHILDREN (5 J-27)
- .. WAS MARRIED (9 J-24)
- .. WAS ALREADY MARRIED(15 J-21)
- .. HAD 1 CHILD (39 C-26)
- .. WAS MARRIED
 HAD CHILDREN (40 C-27)
- .. WAS GETTING MARRIED(42 C-27)
- .. WAS MARRIED
 HAD 3 CHILDREN (44 C-22)
- .. WAS MARRIED (46 C-23)
- .. WAS A MOTHER
 AND WIFE (47 C-28)
- .. WAS A MOTHER
 OF 3 CHILDREN (67 C-30)
- .. HAD A FAMILY (68 C-30)

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FAMILY - CENTEREDNESS

EXPRESSED BY
6 EUROPE
4 CANADA
3 JAPAN

- THE CENTER OF HER LIFE WAS HER FAMILY:
SHE STAYED AT HOME TAKING CARE OF THE
CHILDREN AND THE HOUSE.
I AM CARRYING ON MY STUDIES
AND I AM NOT MARRIED. (51 E)
- DEVOTED HERSELF TO HER FAMILY (52 E)
- THEY WANTED TO MARRY.
AT THIS MOMENT I DON'T HAVE ANY INTENT-
ION TO GET MARRIED AND I LIVE ALONE
(107 E)
- MORE HOME-CENTERED,
HER FOCUS ON HUSBAND AND CHILDREN
(103 E)
- I WILL NOT MARRY AND BE MOTHER
AND HOUSEWIFE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
I WILL BECOME MORE BUT NOT ONLY.
MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY BOY-FRIEND
IS MORE EQUAL. (109 E)
- I DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN, I AM NOT
MARRIED AND DO NOT WANT TO. (77 E)
- ALL SHE WAS THINKING WAS ABOUT
TAKING CARE OF HER HUSBAND AND
CHILDREN (1 J)
- JUST HOUSE-WIFE AND WORKING FOR
HER FAMILY AND HER CHILDREN.
BUT IN MY CASE, I AM WORKING FOR
MYSELF, NOT FOR OTHERS. (5 J)
- MI MADRE EN SU EPOCA SU PENSAMIENTO
ERA LOGRAR SER UNA BUENA ESPOSA Y
MADRE. - EN MI CASO ESTO VIENE EN
SEGUNDO TERMINO. (10 J)
- SHE WAS TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR
ALL DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES. (39 C) / N
- MY MOTHER WAS GETTING MARRIED
- I LIVE ALONE (WITH FRIENDS).
MOTHER WAS PLANNING TO HAVE
CHILDREN. - I'M NOT. (42 C)

FAMILY-CENTEREDNESS

- SHE WAS CONCERNED WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

I AM SINGLE, LIVE ALONE AND AM CONCERNED ABOUT HUMANITY/MYSELF. (47 C)

- THE MAIN DIFFERENCE IS THAT I HAVE MORE THAN JUST MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN AS MY LIFE CHOICE.

(74 C)

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ATTITUDE TOWARDS SEXUALITY

- MORE SEXUAL FREEDOM (60 E)

- LA VIE SEXUELLE - CONTRACEPTION - AVORTEMENT (81 E)

- I CAN KNOW MY BOY-FRIEND OR FIANCÉ VERY WELL - WITHIN SEX - BEFORE THE MARRIAGE (33 J)

- I HAVE MORE SEXUAL FREEDOM (42 C)

- MY SEXUALITY IS BIGGER, I AM NOT AFRAID OF SAYING IT (57 E)



- WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON ANY SUBJECT. (76 E)
- SHE WAS WORKING IN A JOB. SHE NEVER WENT TO UNIVERSITY. - I AM AT UNIVERSITY. (62 E)
- OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION (61 E)
- I AM CARRYING ON MY STUDIES (51 E)
- I AM COMMITTED TO MY STUDIES (52 E)
- BETTER EDUCATION (64 E)
- MY MOTHER WORKED BEFORE SHE WAS MARRIED (AS A WAITRESS IN HOTELS AND ON BUSES SELLING TICKETS). - I HAVE BY NOW ALMOST FINISHED UNIVERSITY AND HAVE ALREADY FINISHED HIGH-SCHOOL. (77 E)
- MA MÈRE ÉTAIT COUTURIÈRE. - J'AI EU LA POSSIBILITÉ D'Étudier. (53 E)
- PRIVILEGED TO EDUCATION FOR GIRLS AS COMPARED TO MY MOTHER'S PERIOD. - I RECEIVED EDUCATION WHILE MY MOM DIDN'T. (8 J)
- LA JEUNE FEMME PEUT Étudier LIBREMENT. (18 J)
- IT WAS NOT SO USUAL TO HAVE HIGHER EDUCATION SUCH AS GOING TO UNIVERSITY (27 J)
- WE YOUNG WOMEN HAVE BEEN GETTING MORE CHANCE TO GO TO UNIVERSITY AND HAVE GOOD EDUCATION. (34 J)
- THE MAIN DIFFERENCE WILL BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATION. (48 C)
- J'AI UN NIVEAU D'Éducation PLUS ÉLEVÉ. (71 C)
- L'Éducation DES PARENTS N'ÉTAIT PAS LA MÊME. (72 C)
- WHEN MY MOTHER WAS YOUNG, THE WOMEN WHO WENT TO COLLEGE WOULDN'T TAKE ANYTHING REAL SERIOUS AS PART OF THEIR STUDIES; THEY USUALLY WENT TO COLLEGE TO MEET THEIR FUTURE HUSBANDS. (50EUA)

ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND INFORMATION IS FELT BY:

- 9 EUROPE
- 5 CANADA
- 5 JAPAN

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- I DO NOT FEEL (MY MOTHER IS A DOCTOR)
AS IF I AM LESS OF A WOMAN BECAUSE
I WANT TO GET HIGHER EDUCATION. (49 C)

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- ÉTUDIANTE, ALORS QUE MA MÈRE À MON ÂGE
AVAIT QUITTÉ LE CIRCUIT SCOLAIRE DEPUIS
SEPT ANS... J'EN TIRE UN CERTAIN MODE
DE RÉFLEXION, UNE HABITUDE DE LA CRITIQUE...
ALORS QUE MA MÈRE A UNE ATTITUDE PLUS
PASSIVE. (65 E)

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- I THINK I CAN JUDGE SOME PROBLEMS
ON LEVEL OF THE WORLD
BECAUSE I CAN KNOW BY MANY MEANS,
MASS-COMMUNICATION, ETC..
- BUT FOR MY MOTHER IT WAS NOT SO EASY
TO UNDERSTAND THEM, BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T
HAVE SUITABLE MEANS TO UNDERSTAND
THE WORLD SITUATION AND SHE EXPERIENCED
WORLD WAR II. (38 J)
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ATTITUDES TOWARDS LIFE - ATTITUDES TOWARDS LIFE -

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- OPPORTUNITY AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE (63 E)
 - LA PARTICIPATION DANS LA VIE POLITIQUE, ASSOCIATIVE ET MÊME ARTISTIQUE ÉTAIT PRESQUE OUBLIÉE (54 E)
 - IN MANY FIELDS MORE YOUNG WOMEN ARE ACTIVE (37 J)
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- MY MOTHER WAS LEADING A MORE CONVENTIONAL LIFE THAN I WITH INTEREST NOT EXTENDING BEYOND FAMILY (103E)
 - ESSA É A MAIOR DIFERENÇA: TEMOS UM OLHAR DIFERENTE SOBRE O MUNDO. (55 E)
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- THE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LIFE AND LIFE-CYCLE (6 J)
 - I EXPECT MORE FROM LIFE, IN GENERAL (102E)
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- THE DIFFERENCES ARE ASSOCIATED TO SELF-REALIZATION, SELF-CREATION (52E)
 - THERE IS LESS EMPHASIS ON SURVIVAL IN MY LIFE. THE ABSENCE OF A WAR HAS PLACED GREATER EMPHASIS ON PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS. (68C)
 - EXPECTATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEEPER, MORE SERIOUS RELATIONSHIPS (MEN) AT AN EARLY AGE (60E)
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- J'AI L'IMPRESSION QU'ELLE EST PLUS MATURE QUE MOI À CE POINT DE VUE (EN TANT QUE JEUNE FEMME): PLUS DE RESPONSABILITÉ (69 C)
 - DREAMS AND IDEALS BECOME DOWN TO THE LEVEL OF EVERYDAY LIFE (36 J)
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COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS...

- THE ANSWERS SHOW A CLEAR UNANIMITY: THERE IS A GREAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT YOUNG UNIVERSITY WOMEN THINK THEIR LIFE IS AND WHAT THEY THINK THEIR MOTHERS' LIFE WAS. IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SEE IF THEIR OWN MOTHERS CONFIRM THIS OPINION - THE QUESTION GEARED TO THAT INVESTIGATION WAS NOT PURSUED BY MOST ANSWERS. GIVEN THE VERY WIDE RANGE OF AGE-GROUPS WHO RESPONDED (FROM 18 TO 30) IT IS LEGITIMATE TO ASK OURSELVES IF THE "DIFFERENCE" SO STRONGLY UNDERLINED IN THE ANSWERS IS ONLY THE RESULT OF A NORMAL GENERATION-GAP OR IF IT IS A SHARP INDICATION OF THE COMING OF AGE OF WOMEN IN THE LAST 15 YEARS.
- FREEDOM APPEARS AS THE MAIN DISTINCTIVE FACTOR EXPRESSING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUNG UNIVERSITY WOMEN AND THEIR MOTHERS AT THEIR OWN AGE. AS THE WOMEN WHO RESPONDED FEEL THAT THERE ARE NO DEFINED SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS BINDING THEM, THEIR ANSWERS CONVEY THE IMAGE OF UNLIMITED FREEDOM.
IN MOST ANSWERS FREEDOM AND CHOICE ARE INTERCHANGEABLE CONCEPTS. FREEDOM IS THUS EQUATED NOT ONLY WITH ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES BUT ALSO WITH THE CAPACITY TO DO WHATEVER ONE WANTS TO DO. TWO DIFFERENT PATHS CAN BE SEEN HERE: FOR SOME FREEDOM IS THE CAPACITY TO SEIZE THE OCCASIONS AVAILABLE; FOR OTHERS FREEDOM IS THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF A DELIBERATE WILL.

SET OF QUESTIONS I :

- IS FREEDOM UNLIMITED CHOICE? IS THIS THE EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE IN YOUR LIFE UNTIL NOW? (PLEASE, GIVE EXAMPLES)
- WHAT DO YOU THINK IS FREEDOM? WHAT DO YOU THINK IS CHOICE? (CAN YOU LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF FREEDOM AND CHOICE IN PEOPLE AROUND YOU?)
- WHEN YOU CHOOSE WHICH ARE YOUR MAIN REFERENCES? YOU CHOOSE IN RELATION TO WHAT?
- CAN YOU SAY THAT THE SOCIETY IN WHICH YOU LIVE DOES NOT CONVEY ANY STRONG IMAGE OF WOMEN TO WHICH MOST WOMEN WOULD CONFORM THEMSELVES? WHAT ABOUT WOMEN IN THE MEDIA, IN PUBLICITY, ETC? IF THERE IS ONE IMAGE WHICH ARE ITS MAIN FEATURES?