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**01. LISTENING ACTIVITY - Full Speech – Beijing Speech**

***Instructions:* Listen to the following part of Clinton’s speech. Listen carefully to the pronunciation, intonation, and pausing.**

The great challenge of this conference is to give voice to women everywhere whose experiences go unnoticed, whose words go unheard. Women comprise more than half the world’s population, 70% of the world’s poor, and two-thirds of those who are not taught to read and write. We are the primary caretakers for most of the world’s children and elderly. Yet much of the work we do is not valued -- not by economists, not by historians, not by popular culture, not by government leaders.

At this very moment, as we sit here, women around the world are giving birth, raising children, cooking meals, washing clothes, cleaning houses, planting crops, working on assembly lines, running companies, and running countries. Women also are dying from diseases that should have been prevented or treated. They are watching their children succumb to malnutrition caused by poverty and economic deprivation. They are being denied the right to go to school by their own fathers and brothers. They are being forced into prostitution, and they are being barred from the bank lending offices and banned from the ballot box.

**02. SPEAKING ACTIVITY – Mimicking the Phrases – Beijing Speech**

***Instructions:* Listen to the speech excerpt this time divided into phrases to repeat. Listen carefully for the silent blanks where you can repeat the previous phrase. Listen carefully for the pronunciation, intonation, and pausing to mimic the original phrases. Finally, listen and compare your recording with the original.**

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**03. SPEAKING ACTIVITY – Filling in the Gaps – Beijing Speech**

***Instructions:* This time listen to the speech for gaps. Listen carefully for the gaps or silent areas where you fill in with the bolded and underlined phrase. Listen carefully for pronunciation, intonation, and pausing of the words. Finally, listen to the recording with your voice and the original together.**

The great challenge of this conference is **to give voice to women everywhere** whose experiences go unnoticed, whose words go unheard. Women comprise more than half the world’s population, **70% of the world’s poor**, and two-thirds of those who are not taught to read and write. We **are the primary caretakers** for most of the world’s children and elderly. Yet much of the work we do is not valued -- **not by economists, not by historians, not by popular culture, not by government leaders.**

At this very moment, as we sit here, women around the world **are giving birth, raising children, cooking meals, washing clothes, cleaning houses, planting crops, working on assembly lines, running companies, and running countries**. Women also are dying from diseases that should have been prevented or treated. They are watching their children succumb to **malnutrition caused by poverty and economic deprivation.** They are being denied **the right to go to school** by their own fathers and brothers. They are being forced into prostitution, and they are being **barred from the bank lending offices and banned from the ballot box.**

**04. FULL SPEECH RECORDING ACTIVITY**

***Instructions:* Use Audacity to record the entire speech below. Then listen to your recording.**

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