Lesson 15. Who Wears the Pants?

▶ All about gender roles and issues

▶ Multiple choice quiz

1 Language points

1) tomboy - effeminate

2) mama's boy – daddy's little girl

3) man's man – girly girl

4) gender roles – gender equality

5) maternity leave – paternity leave – family leave

6) stigma - generalization - stereotype

7) separated - divorced - widow - widower

① tomboy - effeminate

● opposite of gender expectations

▶ When Bonny was younger, she was a complete tomboy. She played baseball, wore boys' clothes, and even went fishing with neighborhood boys. It all changed when she became a teenager and started wearing makeup and dresses.

▶ Richard was quite effeminate as a little boy. He loved ballet and he preferred to play with dolls. He didn't care about traditional gender roles.

② mama's boy – daddy's little girl

● WAY too attached

▶ My husband is such a mama's boy. He always takes his mom's advice over mine, and now that we're married, he expects me to take his mother's place by cooking and cleaning for him!

▶ I broke up with her because she was too much of a daddy's little girl. She's 25 years old and still has no independence from her father! She's got major issues!

③ **man's man – girly girl**

● fitting gender expectations

▶ Brock is such a man's man. He loves baseball, weightlifting, and sports cars.

▶ Gina is really a girly girl. She loves shopping for cosmetics and bags, and goes crazy for anything cute or pink.

④ **gender roles – gender equality**

● traditional expectation vs. what many are fighting for nowadays

▶ The traditional gender roles in Korea are unfair to both sexes. There's too much pressure on men to be a bread -winner, and there's no opportunity for women to pursue fulfilling careers.

▶ With more and more gender equality in the workplace, we're now starting to see many women managers.

⑤ **maternity / paternity / family leave**

● mother / father / both- time off after a baby comes!

▶ Kyoung-mi's company is so generous. They gave her a full year of maternity leave so she could have her time with her new baby.

▶ Dedicated fathers everywhere are now demanding paternity leave!

▶ In Sweden, couples get six whole months of family leave after having a new baby!

⑥ **stigma - generalization - stereotype**

● bad for public image

▶ There are still some really nasty stigmas for divorced people in Korea, but it's getting easier since more people are getting divorced.

▶ Women being too emotional and men being completely unemotional are old-fashioned generalizations.

▶ Women nagging to their husbands is such a bad stereotype.

⑦ **separated - divorced - widow - widower**

● be aware of the differences!

▶ Jack and Jill have been separated for four years now, but they just can't bring themselves to sign the papers.

▶ Good for Ruben I say! Even though he's been a widower for a few years, he's still staying active and being social so that he won't be lonely.

2 Apply to the book

▶ Pages 82-83, Activity A

Debate: women becoming equal to men in Korean society.

▶ Sample answers

It seems to me that we don't quite have *gender equality* in Korea, but Korea has made some great strides. More and more companies are offering both *maternity* and *paternity leave*, so neither men nor women have to stay stuck in traditional *gender roles*.

▶ Pages 83, Activity B

How much do you agree and how can you justify your opinion? (Men are attracted to physical beauty, and women are attracted to stability)

▶ Sample answers

There might be some truth to this, but I think it's a bit of a sweeping *generalization*. It's as if to say women only like *manly men* and men only like *girly girls*. My friend's boyfriend is a bit *effeminate*, and I'm personally a bit of a *tomboy*, but I've had a boyfriend for three years now.

▶ Page 80-81, Dialogue and Comprehension

Can you summarize the conversation in your own words?

▶ Sample answers

It seems that poor Eun-young has made the mistake of marrying a *mama's boy*. He fits the *stereotype* perfectly. He expects his wife to simply be his new mother and it's driving Eun-young crazy. She's miserable and thinking of *separation*, but she knows how *stigmatized separated* and divorced couples are in Korea. She's really between a rock and a hard place.

3 Review quiz

#1.

Olivia can't stand that her husband is such a _____. She wants him to take _____ so they can both continue to work, but he fits the _____ of a man that depends on his mom to do everything around the house.

A. gender role B. stereotype C. maternity leave D. man's man
E. tomboy F. mama's boy G. paternity leave

F, G, B

#2.

At first Rick and his wife were _____, and then they got _____. Their marriage was terrible, so he doesn't even care about the old-fashioned _____.

A. stereotypes B. widowed C. separated D. generalization E. divorced F. stigmas

C, E, F

#3.

Tina is the classic _____. She loves fashion and cosmetics and anything cute. She wasn't into Sam because he was a bit _____. She prefers Brock who is such a _____ because he's tall and strong.

A. mama's boy B. man's man C. girly girl D. stereotype E. effeminate F. stigma

C, E, B