Stereotypes

Task: Being Transgendered

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening task for the ISE III.

You are going to hear a talk about what it is like to be transgendered. You will hear the talk twice. The first time, just listen. Then I'll ask you to tell me generally what the speaker is talking about. Are you ready?

Audio Script

When we are born, our gender is already assigned to us, even well before we know what gender we are. For most, this isn't even a problem as we discover throughout the next years of our lives what it is to be male or female. Having said that, has it ever occurred to you what it might be like for somebody that is actually transgender to have to live against the expectations and ridicule of others, who have decided they are the given gender listed on their birth certificate? By all means, it is a complicated issue for those individuals and their families. What does it really mean to have a gender in society? It is a big if that most people have actually contemplated in-depth to really consider all the complications one has to go through by being transgendered and feeling as though the restrictions in society have clipped their wings to live the life that they want to.

Turning to how some individuals are referred to when looking at terminology. The lack of social knowledge on given terminology needs resolving since many individuals have widely agreed that they feel misunderstood with their gender and sexual preferences. First we have transgender people. One considers themselves transgender when that person's gender doesn't match the sex they were given at birth. It should be noted that being transgendered isn't concentrating on a sexual orientation owing to that transgendered people can be of all sexual preferences that have been referred to as heterosexual, gay, lesbian, bisexual and queer. Another term to consider is cisgender. A cisgender person is someone whose gender matches what was assigned to them at birth. If we fully consider this, then there is a realization that this does not refer to one's sexual preferences, such as terms as "being straight". Furthermore, another term would be non-binary. To be non-binary, this type of person identifies themselves outside of being female or male. That is to say they might have associated with more than one gender or have been found to be not identifying with any gender at all. By the same token, they could even have generated a fluctuating gender identity. Another term that some people relate to is known as intersex. Somebody who considers themselves intersex means that this individual's sex-related characteristics don't necessarily align with either gender, be it male or female.

In addition to the terminology mentioned, there should be some issues that ought to be known. To start, many know that being a transgender individual often brings about some negative reaction, like facing discrimination. When a transgender individual has to get documents that show their identification, it is often difficult to obtain accurate documentation. Many of these individuals end up having to carry around driver's licenses and passports that

don't represent them accurately and they are eager to change this aspect and wish they could do so. It just so happens to be that it is reported that 78 percent of transgendered individuals suffer through harassment from early school years all the way up to graduation. Furthermore, it seems preposterous that one in five individuals are stated that they are denied medical care that is needed. It only seems logical that something as basic as medical care, that everybody wants having available to them, would be a basic human right that shouldn't be denied ever.

Finally, there are things that we have to make ourselves aware of, on what we should and shouldn't do in reference to interacting with transgendered people and the world around us. For instance, Not only should a transgender person not be asked for information about their body by another person, but also they shouldn't be questioned about their medical care. Something else to consider is that assuming that you know somebody is indeed transgendered, it must never be put forward that somebody is transgendered without receiving their permission. Last but not least, there is a big chance that the transgendered individual has preferences in how they refer to themselves. This should be considered and respected. For the sake of example, they may very well refer to themselves with plural pronouns, such as "they" or "them", so as to not have themselves stem from a given gender. For this reason, it is extremely important to modify virtually all of our vocabulary in using the same style of language, with the goal of making the other individual feel more included and appreciated. Only when we respect the privacy and wishes of other people, will we flourish and advance in mutual respect as a society.

As a whole, many people's insight on this issue, as well as my own, is that it is important to stay informed. For the trans individual, this lies in the root of what is equal human rights. If only society didn't put focus on gender differences, society would have adapted better to each person's individual choices and needs.

Can you tell me in one or two sentences what the speaker was talking about?

Now listen to the talk again. This time make some notes as you listen, if you want to. Then I'll ask you to tell me about the point of view of the speaker, the different terminology used for trangendered individuals, issues that should be known, as well as things you should and shouldn't do.

Now tell me about the point of view of the speaker, the different terminology used for trangendered individuals, issues that should be known, as well as things you should and shouldn't do. You have one minute to talk.

This is the end of the listening task.

Answers:

Point of View	● Must stay informed and all people, trans individuals included, have a right to human rights
Terminology	● Transgender: a person whose gender doesn't match the sex they were given at birth. Not a sexual orientation; as transgender people can be heterosexual, gay, lesbian bisexual, queer ● Cisgender: a person whose gender matches the sex they were assigned at birth ● Non-binary: a person identifies themselves outside of female or male. They may identify with more than one gender, no gender, or have a fluctuating gender identity ● Intersex: a person whose sex-related characteristics don't align all typically male or female
Issues that should be known	● Transgender individuals face discrimination : obtaining accurate identification documents; driver's licenses and passports ● 78% go through harassment from early school years up until graduation. ● one in five are denied medical care that is needed
Things you should and shouldn't do	● Don't ask person information about the body of a transgender person or about medical care ● Don't state somebody as being transgender without getting permission ● Do use the same style of language that a person uses for themselves

Marks: +_ / +10

Grammar Focus:

- Connectors phrases: Assuming that / In the event that / In the case that …., pronoun + might + verb (Assuming that I get coronavirus, I might become immune to it.
- Only when + subject …. , will + subject …. (Only when people stick to social media, will Covid-19 stop spreading.)
- Be it …. or …. (Something must be done about global warming. Be it recycling or commuting to work.)
- Well into (He is well into his 40s.) / Anabel is well into her C2 book, but she hasn't finished yet.) Well over (She went well over the top when she told her child off in the store.) / Well after (He got a girlfriend well after he finished college.) / Well before (She bought a house well before she was 30.)
- It is a big if…. / If…., and that is a big if… (If we all recycle, then global warming wouldn't be an issue, but that's a big if.)
- need + verb-ing (The lack of social distancing issue need solving.) / Require + verb-ing (Releasing the lockdown requires being responsible.) / want + verb-ing (The baby wants feeding.)
- Reported verbs: It is said that… / It is widely known that… / It is widely agreed that… / It is broadly claimed that… / It is rumoured that… / It is alleged that… / It is stated that… / It is asserted that… / It is reported that… / Someone is known to… + passive
- Replace "you" for "one"
- Phrasal Verb: Put forward (Recent studies have put forward the fact that…)
- Connectors; Including / Particularly / For instance / For example / By way of illustration / To name a few / Namely / For illustrative purposes / To cite an instance / For the sake of example
- Connectors Among which / That is to say / Such as / Suchlike // In similar fashion / By the same token / Side by side with / Besides / In parallel with / In tandem with / Jointly with / Along with / Apart from this
- Appear to be / Revealed to be / Be proven to be / Be found to be
- It just so happens to be / (,but) as it happens(,) (I was going to dinner this evening, but as it happens, my sister came over and brought food with her.)
- attributed to / associated with / Relate to / ascribe / lay at the door of / has to do with / it is all down to / put down to / it boils down to / it comes down to / hold responsible for
- (All of that) arise out of / emerge from / emanate from / derive from / stem from / spring from / come from (the Greenhouse effect.)
- Lies at the root of
- Gives rise to / Sow the seeds of / Spawn / Prompt / Foster / Generate / Cause / Contribute to / Trigger / Spark / Lead to / Result in / Set in motion / Fan the flames of / Feed into / Be a recipe for somethingDrive / Set off
- Phrasal Verbs: Bring about / Bring on / Bring along / Bring upon
- Expressions: Might very well / May very well / There's a big chance / Chances are
- Expression Collocations: It seems far-fetched / It is highly implausible that / There is a remote chance that / It seems preposterous that

- Collocations: fare well / go smoothly / run smoothly / proper functioning / work / do well / succeed / make good progress / go according to plan / thrive / flourish / be successful / come to fruition / bear fruit / yield results
- Expressions: To the best of my knowledge / I dare say / I do believe / I truly believe / In my humble opinion / My take on the issue is that / I feel that / My insight on this issue is / My stand on this issue is / My stance on this issue is
- Vocabulary: contemplate / chew over / mull over / think over / reflect upon / delve into / pondered over / ruminate on
- Vocabulary: investigate / fully explore / fully consider / an in-depth study / an in-depth investigation / further studied / further investigated / looked closely / reviewed thoroughly / studied in the full / broken (down) / looked into (I am under the impression that animal testing is a subject that not only should be reflected upon deeply, but also broken down / looked into.)
- Mixed Conditionals
- Modal with Passives
- Should / Might / Could / Must + have and Perfect Infinitive
- Wish / Hope / If Only
- Verbs followed gerund or / and infinitive: have them do / eager to participate
- Idioms and Expressions
- The Passive
- Tentative Expressions
- Intensifiers and Modifiers
- Signposting Word