

## UNIT 4

### Women and Power

Many people are actively involved in many Moroccan **non-governmental organizations**. The Palestinians have been **struggling** for their independence since 1948.

to struggle: to fight

Meriam Chadid was the first woman to **set foot** on the Antarctica, where she patriotically and proudly raised Morocco's flag.

Nawal Almoutawakil is a UNICEF **goodwill** ambassador.

Women have demonstrated considerable leadership in community, **as well as** in public office. Moroccan rural women need education **as well as** health care.

**However**, they still suffer from negative stereotyping.

Our district has been short of water for about six months now. **However**, nothing has been done about so far.

**Along with** being busy with her professional career, Karima manages her family life.

**Not only.....but.....also.....**

Moroccan women's magazines are **not only** criticized for being elitist **but also** for focusing on urban issues.

Educated women have a big influence on society. **Moreover**, they contribute to the welfare of their families.

Educated women look after their houses. They **also** work outside their homes.

**Despite** spending much time at work, working women are able to perfectly manage their households.

**In spite of** the efforts made by the government to alleviate poverty, the problem still persists.

It's true that a lot of women and girls in Morocco have access to education. **However**, their situation is far from perfect.

**Although**, Globalization has a positive impact on women's status, they are still regarded as inferior in some societies.

Hamid takes after his father **whereas** Abdellah takes after his mother.

**Regardless** of their colour or religion, people must be treated equally.

Don't give up your project **regardless** of how much money it will cost you.

**Contrary to** what people think, the youth are not so selfish as they are portrayed.

**No matter how** they tried, they couldn't get to the other side of the sea-coast.

**No matter what** your social status, you must abide by the law.

**Writing:** Using Conjunctions

### Talking About Australia

Australia is very hot in December, **but** cold in July. **Although** the country is big, there aren't many people living there. Australia has a lot of interesting animals. The koala is cute, **but** the crocodile is dangerous. Australia has a lot of open spaces, **and** the weather is good, **so** sport is very popular. Australian people often eat barbecued food.

**Writing:**

**feminism:** a movement which advocates the rights of women to have equal opportunities to those possessed by men.

**gender:** male or female

**emancipation:** freeing someone socially or politically

**violence:** actions or words which are intended to hurt someone

**polygamy:** having more than one spouse

**stereotype:** an exaggerated or wrong image of the characteristics of a particular group

**self-confidence:** belief in one's own abilities or skills

**Examples:**

Negative **stereotypes** are obstacles that hinder women's advancement in different domains. Thanks to the new Moroccan **family code**, the status of women has noticeably changed. According to the new 'Mudawana', **polygamy** can't be practised without the first wife's approval.

All over the world, women have always had a continuous struggle for **emancipation**.

The Red Crescent organization provides **humanitarian aid** for people in need, especially women and children.

**UNIT 4**

**Insights into English**

**Asking for and giving opinion:** (Please see p70)

Asking for opinion	Giving opinion
-What do you think about...? -What's your opinion about...? -What's your view about...? - How do you feel about...? -Do(n't) you think/ believe that...? -Do you really think/ believe that...? -Are you absolutely sure that...? -Am I right in thinking that...? -Would I be right in thinking that...? -etc	-To be honest,... -Well, if you ask me... -To my mind,.../ In my opinion,/ view,... -I really feel that... -Personally speaking, I think... -I'd like to point out that... -I strongly believe that... - From my point of you,.. -As far as I'm concerned,... -I think/ believe... / It seems to me that... - etc

**Reported Speech:**

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
Present simple Present continuous Past simple Present perfect Past continuous 'Will' future Can May Must	Past simple Past continuous Past perfect Past perfect Past perfect continuous 'would' conditional Could Might Had to

**Time and place words changes reporting statements or questions: Here are some changes that may to be made:**

now	then	yesterday	the day before
this	that	tonight	that night
these	those	tomorrow	the next day
here	there	next week	the following week
today	that day		

He	says thinks believes feels	that	it's nice to have faithful friends.
According to him, In his view,			

**EXAMPLES :**

- “I’m awfully sorry I am late.”  
He apologised for being late.
- “Congratulations on having successfully passed this exam,”  
My English teacher congratulated me for having successfully passed my exam.
- “You’d better take up computer science next year,”  
My classmate advised me to /that I should take up computer science.
- “I will help you with your computer science,” I am a computer literate,”  
My classmate also offered to help me with my computer science.
- “You really must work harder to pass the mathematics test,”  
My teacher of math ordered me to work harder.
- “Anouar should go to university,”  
The English teacher suggested that Anouar should go to university.
- “Why don’t we go to the library?”  
My friend suggested our going / that we should go to the library.
- “It’s freezing cold today,”  
My Mum complained about the freezing cold.
- “Go on! You’ll never have another chance to visit Spain,”  
The travel agent encouraged me to visit Spain.
- “Hurry up!”  
The headmaster ordered me to hurry up.
- “Where Hassan Tower, please?”  
He asked me where Hassan Tower is.
- “Does the charter company run cheap flights to Japan?”  
He asked me if the charter company runs cheap flights to Japan.
- “Have you bought a Moroccan Arabic phrasebook?”  
I asked him if he had bought a Moroccan Arabic phrasebook.
- “How long are you going to stay in Morocco?”  
I asked him how long he was going to stay in Morocco.
- “Is Japanese easy to learn?”  
I asked him if he thinks Japanese is easy to learn.

**Reading:** A long struggle for equality and freedom (p74)

A: When is the International Women’s Day?

B: It’s on March 8.

**Vocabulary: (p74)**

irrevocably: irretrievably; once and for all; forever

idealistic ≠ realistic