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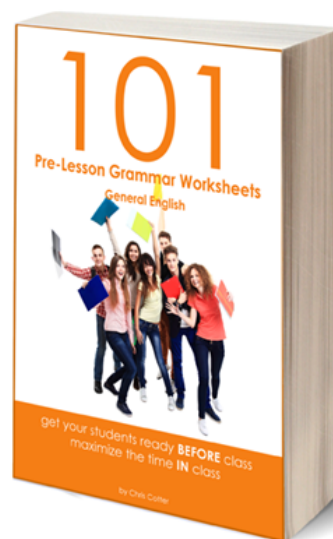
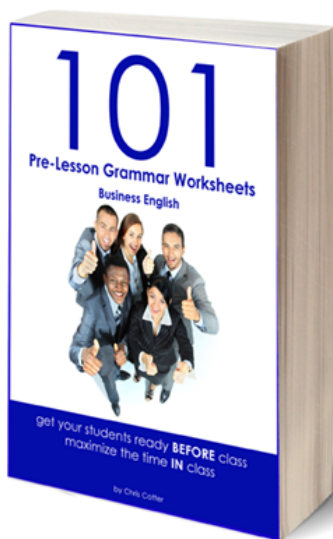
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## the ARTICLE (for teachers)

### The Shorter Lives of Men Explained

Women live longer than men. It's true in most countries, and has been a known fact since the 18th century. Studies to discover the possible reasons have been done, and there are many possible explanations. Some reasons include work habits, stress, diet, and bad genes. But a new idea suggests something different. Men have shorter life spans because attracting a partner takes a lot of energy, which reduces the number of years a man lives.

Daniel Kruger at the University of Michigan suggests that many animals advertise their suitability to females. For example, some animals butt heads. Other animals have beautiful feathers. Human males compete for money, property, and social status. If a man has money and social status, they show their ability to provide food, clothes, education, and so on for a future family.

But what about men with less money or power?

Another study explained that young, single men often take risks. They are also more aggressive and hold back their emotions. These actions have the same effect as money and social status.

Both studies conclude that women carefully select a partner, because of the survival and success of their children. All of the energy which is used to impress women means shorter life spans for men.

**Teacher's Notes:**

\* Underlined words in **red typeface** are the recommended vocabulary for this lesson.

## the Article (for students)

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

reduces	because	impress	compete	suitability
example	provide	explanations	possible	carefully

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# The Shorter Lives of Men Explained

Lower-Intermediate - Vocabulary

## STEP ONE

**Title:** Today's article is: "The Shorter Lives of Men Explained." What will you read about?

## STEP TWO

**Word Search:** Find the target words (in bold). Time yourself, and see how long it takes you to find all the words.

<b>suitability</b> <b>impress</b>	<b>explanations</b> <b>compete</b>	<b>provide</b> <b>reduces</b>
E E M K X E S T X S X U K T I		
G U X T B X E Q U H S Z Z S M		
J E A P X P N D W J P L U S P		
H W J T L L C V I C D I F E R		
M J Y G G A Q O S V T Q E R E		
F V I K L N N Q M A O T S P S		
D Q A Q H A R A B P E R P M E		
F B K T A T D I T P E X P I H		
K B W H Z O L S M I D E F I U		
T A B A Y I C O D E O Q T U G		
R Z O S T N C D I L K N L L K		
C X Q Y I S Y S R D D Q S N X		
D A N Q Y T I L I B A T U I S		
T W R E D U C E S W A U N A M		
R C W P P P R P T C O D U D C		

## STEP THREE

**Fill in the Blanks:** Fill in the blank with the correct word.

	<b>suitability</b> <b>impress</b>	<b>explanations</b> <b>compete</b>	<b>provide</b> <b>reduces</b>
a.	There are many possible ( ) .		
b.	Attracting a partner ( ) the number of years a man lives.		
c.	many animals advertise their ( ) to females.		
d.	Human males ( ) for money, property, and social status.		
e.	Men show their ability to ( ) food and clothes for a future family.		
f.	The energy which is used to ( ) women means shorter life spans.		

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## STEP FOUR

**The Article:** 1) Read the article, but don't worry about the missing words. 2) Fill in the blanks with today's vocabulary, followed by all the other words. 3) Read the article again, and circle any unknown words/phrases. In pairs/groups, use your dictionaries to understand the words or phrases you circled. 4) Answer the questions to check your comprehension.

a.	According to past studies, what are some reasons men have shorter life spans?
b.	What do the two recent studies mentioned in the article say?
c.	How are human males like animals and birds?
d.	How do younger men compete with older, richer men?
e.	Why do women carefully choose a partner?

## STEP FIVE

**Discuss:** Write down three vocabulary words from today's article that you want to use.

a.	
b.	
c.	

A new drug will hit the stores soon. It limits male aggressiveness, and is especially recommended for teens and twenty-somethings. List the positives and negatives with such a drug, then debate with a partner.

positives:	negatives:

**Score yourself:**

**7-10 times, or more:** Fantastic! Be sure to review the words at home.

**4-6 times:** Pretty good! You're on your way to acquiring today's vocabulary. Try writing your own sentences at home for more practice.

**3 or less times:** Try harder next time! To acquire new vocabulary, you need to use the new words as much as possible.