

TASK 1 PRE-LISTENING: MATCH THE WORDS AND PHRASES ON THE LEFT TO THEIR DEFINITIONS ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE

NOUNS

A TROPHY WIFE
A FLY ON THE WALL
A COMPLEXION
A (MOVIE) MOGUL

- a person who watches others without being noticed
- a powerful person, especially one in the news, film, or television industry
- a young and attractive woman, who is regarded as a status symbol for her husband
- the general character of something

ADJECTIVES & ADVERBS

UNTAPPED
GORGEOUS
(STUNNING)
GLAMOROUS
RANDOMLY
'BIG TIME!'

- to a great degree
- attractive in an exciting and special way
- not yet used or taken advantage of
- extremely beautiful
- happening, done, or chosen by chance rather than according to a plan

VERBS

TO PATENT
TO JAM
TO SINK
TO HUNCH OVER STH
TO HOP
TO ACKNOWLEDGE

- to lean forward with your shoulders raised or to bend your back and shoulders into a rounded shape
- to make small jumps on one or two feet, or to move along in this way
- to get the official legal right to make or sell an invention
- to accept, admit, or recognize something, or the truth or existence of something
- to stop radio signals from reaching the people who want to receive them
- to go down below the surface or to the bottom of a liquid or soft substance

TASK 2 LISTENING: GO TO <http://mikerowe.com/podcast/> AND SCROLL DOWN THE LIST OF PODCASTS UNTIL YOU FIND EPISODE 1: *THE 25 MILLION DOLLAR KISS*. LISTEN TO THE PODCAST. ALTERNATIVELY, WATCH THE SPEAKER READ OUT THE SAME STORY HERE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2xt6eGotC8> AS YOU LISTEN TRY TO FIND ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS:

1. What was Hedwig's role at the numerous dinner parties she hosted with her husband, Fritz?
2. Who were Fritz's acquaintances?
3. How did Hedwig's Hollywood career start?
4. Do you think she was happy in Hollywood as Hedy Lamarr?
5. What would Hedy do whenever she was not on a film set?
6. When did her breakthrough as an inventor come?
7. What was the American navy's reaction to Hedy's invention?
8. What did Hedy do in response to that?
9. What impact on modern technology did Hedy's idea eventually have?
10. Was her work ever rewarded?

TASK 3 WRITING: HOW MUCH HAS THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY (AND IN SCIENCE AND BUSINESS) CHANGED SINCE THE 1940s? WHAT DO YOU THINK BROUGHT THOSE CHANGES ABOUT? ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE STATUS WOMEN ARE ENJOYING THESE DAYS?