

# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## 6 Minute English worksheet

### What is the manosphere?



Listen to the full episode here: <https://bbc.in/3H0Gjqe>

1. **Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**
2. **Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**
  - What do the presenters say the episode is about?
  - What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?
3. **Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**
  - a) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_  
It means: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_  
It means: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_  
It means: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_  
It means: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_  
It means: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_  
It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?

5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.

1. Who is the audience for social media influencers in 'the manosphere'?
  - a) girls and young women
  - b) boys and young men
  - c) married people
2. Which phrase describes 'someone who is vulnerable or easily taken advantage of'?
  - a) easy street
  - b) easy pickings
  - c) easy target
3. "Social media influencers tell boys they need to be rich to be a \_\_\_\_\_ 'real man'."
  - a) quote unquote
  - b) quote quote
  - c) unquote quote
4. What is a 'show of confidence to impress other people'?
  - a) bravery
  - b) bravado
  - c) bragging
5. Which phrase is used to show hostility between two opposing groups?
  - a) good versus evil
  - b) man versus nature
  - c) us versus them
6. According to the idiom, if you unfairly see the bad qualities of one person in everyone else, then you 'paint everyone with the same \_\_\_\_'.
  - a) colour
  - b) brush
  - c) hand

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6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.

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7. Answer the following questions.

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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#### Answers

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- a. easy target – someone who is vulnerable or easily taken advantage of
- b. bravado – show of bravery or confidence to impress other people
- c. quote unquote – used to show you are repeating someone else's words, especially if you do not agree
- d. distorted – changed and misshapen so that it looks strange or unnatural
- e. us versus them – phrase used to show hostility between two opposing groups
- f. paint everyone with the same brush – (idiom) unfairly think that everyone has the same bad qualities as another person

5. 1b, 2c, 3a, 4b, 5c, 6b

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#### Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet, and adapt it as necessary.

#### Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.