



détaillant

chiffre d'affaire

capitalisation boursière

marque

client

produits alimentaires

retailer

revenue/turnover(be)

market capitalisation

brand

customer

groceries



2. **BBC newsreport : Who is Who**

a) *Answer the following questions :*

What is the specificity of this group?

Where are they?

What are they doing?

**sign/protest/slogan**



b) *Match the names and jobs to the pictures below*



Betty Dukes

lead plaintiff



Gisela Ruiz

executive vice-president



// reporter

Rajini Vaidyanathan/

plaintiff

N. (US) the party which begins a civil action. Today in England the term is **claimant**.

opp. **defendant**

Norma McCorvey was pregnant with her third child when she was recruited to be Jane Roe, the lead plaintiff in the Roe vs. Wade class-action lawsuit which declared unconstitutional a Texas law prohibiting an abortion except for the purpose of saving a woman's life.

*The US Supreme Court is reviewing whether or not a court case about women being treated*

*unfairly at work can proceed. Six women, who worked for the supermarket group Walmart, want to sue on behalf of over one million other women.*

As protesters outside chanted, the judges outside the US Supreme Court were hearing evidence on what could turn into the largest sex discrimination lawsuit in American history. This group of women are suing their bosses at Walmart, claiming they've been passed up for pay and promotion in favour of men. It's been a ten-year battle, but they are calling on their case to be heard as a class action, so the grievances of all women employees can be heard together.

« I brought this case because I believe that there was a pattern of discrimination at Walmart, not just in my store, but I believe it is across the country. Since we filed our lawsuit in 2001, I have heard from numerous women telling me basically the same story as mine of disparate treatment in lack of promotion as well as in lack of pay . »

The women claim thousands of workers have been held back from opportunities based on their gender. It's for the Supreme Court to decide in the coming weeks whether the lawsuit should cover all female retail staff who've worked in Walmart stores in America since 1988. Walmart says any grievances should be heard on a case-by-case basis, rather than be lumped together as one, and deny any claims of sexism.

« We've always had processes in place, and like Ted said earlier, we've had policies, strong policies, against discrimination in place long before the lawsuit was filed. »

The decision which is being deliberated by judges here at the US Supreme Court won't just be watched by the women working at Walmart but by corporate America as a whole. Many big businesses fear that if the Supreme Court does allow a class action lawsuit to go ahead, it could open the floodgates to many similar large-scale discrimination cases.

to examine	review	examiner
if unjustly		
	unfairly	injustement
to continue	proceed/go ahead	continuer
to start a legal action	to file a lawsuit/to sue	intenter une action en justice/ poursuivre au civil
in the name of	on behalf of	Au nom de
proof	evidence	preuve
lamentations	grievances	Revendication/mécontentement
system	pattern	Système/constante
shop	store	Grand magasin
different	disparate	Différent/disparate
shortage	lackManque de	
to affirm	claimDéclarer, revendiquer	
shop workers	retail staff	Personnel de vente
the American business world	corporate America	Les grandes entreprises américaines
to permit	allow	permettre
big dimension	large scale	A grande échelle

Across:

1. sang and shouted phrases repeatedly

4. here, moving to a more senior position at work

7. to the advantage of (a group)

8. a legal case where a small number of people can sue on behalf of a larger group

9. grouped together

10. legal cases where a person believes she (or he) has not been fairly treated because of her (or his) gender

Down:

2. prevent from getting (something)

3. make it possible (for something significant to happen)

5. rejected

6. here, include, deal with



6.

**Comprehension:**

Say whether the following statements are right or wrong. Justify with

a quote from the text.

**a)**

Demonstrators invaded the Supreme Court. Right/**Wrong**

\_\_\_\_\_ As protesters outside chanted, the judges outside the US Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_

**c)**

They wanted each of their cases to be treated individually. Right/**Wrong**

\_they are calling on their case to be heard as a class action \_\_\_\_\_

**d)**

The decision will be taken at the highest level. **Right**/Wrong

It's for the Supreme Court to decide

**e)**

Wal Mart disagrees with protesters on two points. **Right**/Wrong

\_Walmart says any grievances should be heard on a case-by-case basis \_\_\_\_\_

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**f)**

No other business in the US runs the risk of such a trial. Right/**Wrong**

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## 7. Grammar:

Explain the unusual presence of **does** in the following positive sentence:

**If the Supreme Court does allow a class action lawsuit...**

Transform the following sentences using the same pattern:

**We filed our lawsuit in 2001.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ We did file our lawsuit in 2001 \_\_\_\_\_**

**The women claim thousands of workers have been held back from opportunities based on their gender.**

**Women do claim thousands of workers have been held back from opportunities based on their**

**Six women want to sue on behalf of over one million other women.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Six women do want to sue on behalf of over one million other women.**

**DO pour METTRE EN RELIEF UN ÉLÉMENT DE LA  
PHRASE**

**C'est la forme d'insistance ou forme emphatique  
Je renforce le verbe pour renforcer l'idée.**

<b>Au présent:I DO want to be good at English!Je veux à tout prix devenir bon en anglais!</b>	<b>Au passé:I DID want to be good at English!Je voulais vraiment devenir bon en anglais!</b>	<b>À l'impératif:DO sit down, please !Je vous en prie asseyez-vous !</b>
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**-vraiment!**

**- Je t'assure!**

**- C'est vrai!**

**- Je vous en prie**