

Men Have Better Making Up Skills, Research Says

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. make up - be reconciled after a quarrel.
Synonyms: bury the hatchet, make peace, mend fences
Example: Let's kiss and make-up.
He wanted to make up for neglecting his children by spending more time with them.
2. conclude /kən'klōd/ (verb) bring (something) to an end.
Example: We concluded the meeting on a happy note.
3. opponent /ə'pōnənt/ (noun) someone who competes against or fights another in a contest, game, or argument
Synonyms: rival or adversary
Example: The politician beat his opponent by a landslide margin.
4. frosty /'frōstē/ cold and unfriendly in manner.
Synonyms: unwelcoming, unsympathetic
Example: Ben gave him a frosty look.
5. contrast /'kän, trast/ the state of being strikingly different from something else
Example: Her black dress and the white background contrast sharply.



A study shows that sports men are better than sports women at **making up** after a fight. The research, from Harvard University, looked at the differences between how both sexes made up with each other after same-sex sporting events.

Research leader, professor Joyce Benenson, **concluded** that men put more effort into making up with their male sporting foes than women did with their female **opponents**. The

researchers analyzed recordings of four sports involving men and women from 44 countries. Men spent considerably more time shaking hands and physically embracing.

Professor Benenson was surprised, especially at how women spent so little time making up with rivals. She said: "What you'll see is that many times, females brush their fingers against each other.... You're expected by the sport to do something but [with women] it's so **frosty**."

In great **contrast**, Benenson observed that: "With the males, even with a handshake, you can see the warmth." She added: "I expected this would be the least strong in boxing because you try to kill the other person, but it's the strongest in this sport. There really is this sense of love for your opponent."

DISCUSSION

1. What is the difference between 'making up' and 'putting on makeup'?
2. Are men better at making up in other areas of life?
3. Why do boxers seem to love each other so much after they fight?
4. What's the best way to make up?
5. What do you fight with other people about?