Do you think most computer programmers are men or women? Why do you think that is? Watch this video to find out why Facebook is trying to get more women in tech.

Do the preparation task first. Then, watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the number 1–6.

1…….. a stereotype

2…….. to crack up

3…….. to stick with it

4…….. a cheerleader

5…….. a perspective

6…….. to feel intimidated

a. a point of view or way of looking at something

b. a general idea about what a group of people is like

c. a person, usually an attractive girl, who encourages applause for a sports team

d. to suddenly start laughing

e. to feel afraid and lose self-confidence

f. to keep going and not give up

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to complete these sentences.

1. Sara wants to have a group of friends / school classroom / workplace that looks like the world, with both men and women in it.

2. Lori says that women have a different goal in life / perspective on technology / way of working to men.

3. Nair says the problems of the future are huge / women / human problems, not just 'men problems'.

4. Sophia tells a story about a time she went to class wearing a school uniform / a cheerleader uniform / a suit .

5. It was a computer programming / maths / history class, and Sophia's teacher thought it was funny to see a cheerleader there.

6. But Sophia changed his mind when she made an impressive presentation / she started working for Facebook / she got the highest grade in a test .

7. Alan says that to build a great product, you need a team that understands the product's audience / works well together / has a lot of experience .

8. Sheryl says there's nothing you can't do if you have enough money / believe you can do it / go to university .

2. Check your grammar: gap fill – prepositions and adverbs

Complete the gaps using the words in the box.

about	back	into
with	down	in	up

Sophia: 'It was an "Introduction to Programming" class, and I walked [1]_____ the class wearing a cheerleader uniform, and the teacher just cracked [2]_____. He thought it was the funniest thing to see a cheerleader [3]_____ a programming class. That day, he also passed [4]_____ the first test from that term. And he announced that the person [5]_____ the highest grade in that class, with 100%, was me, the cheerleader. I kind of broke [6]_____ the stereotype for him at that moment, where the idea that girls can't programme, that cheerleaders are stupid, that women shouldn't be in technology … it just takes a moment like that to really change someone's mindset [7]_____ where women belong in technology.'

3. Check your grammar: tick the sentences – omission of 'that'

Tick all the sentences where it's possible to leave out the word 'that'.

1.	………….	It's important that we get more women into technical fields.
2.	………….	Lori says that …
3.	………….	… the way that women use technology is different.
4.	………….	We want to have people in the workplace that look like the world!
5.	………….	To succeed, you need a team that understands the product's audience.
6.	………….	There's nothing that you can't do …
7.	………….	… if you believe that you can do it.

4. Check your vocabulary: gap fill – compound words

Compound words are words which are made up of two other words. Use two words from the box to make a compound word to fill each gap.

mind	Face	cheer	world	work
book	place	set	leader	wide

1. The people in the video all work for _____.

2. **Sophia**: 'The person with the highest grade in that class, with 100%, was me, the _____.'

3. **Sophia**: 'It just takes a moment like that to really change someone's _____ about where women belong in technology.'

4. **Sara**: 'We want to have people in the _____ that look like the world!'

5. **Sheryl**: 'I think it's really critical that we get more people _____ and particularly in the United States into technical fields, and more women.'

Do you think women can work in tech?
Which other jobs are usually done by women? Which are usually done by men?
Why do you think that is?
Would you like to work for Facebook?

Vocabulary Box	Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.