

BETWEEN or AMONG

Don't say: There was a fight among two colleagues. Say: There was a fight **between two** colleagues. Don't say: Divide the orange between you three. Say: Divide the orange among you three.

! Use **between** for two only. Use **among** for more than two.

Politically Correct English



Student: You said that it is *not politically correct* what does it mean? **Teacher:** Well, politically correct or p.c. often involves changing or avoiding language that might offend anyone, especially with respect to gender, race, or ethnic background.

Student: Can you give me an example?

Teacher: Sure. We are all used to say *a businessman* but it is not politically correct when we talk about women.

Student: So when we talk about a woman we say a businesswoman? Teacher: Yes, that's right.

VOCABULARY BUILDING



Neutral businessperson chair(person) spokesperson ___

bartender head(teacher) nurse

traditional male businessman chairman spokesman postman barman headmaster male nurse

traditional female

businesswoman chairwoman spokeswoman postwoman barwoman headmistress nurse

QUIZ: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Use **between** or **among** in these sentences.

- The work was shared _____ all of us.
 He divided the money _____ his three children.
- 3. He hid ____ the trees.
- 4. The President walked ____ two lines of soldiers.
- 5. all those children, he didn't have a single pen.
- 6. There was a fight _____ the two gangs.

KEY: 1. among, 2. among, 3. among, 4. between, 5. among, 6. between

