

GENDER



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Definition-Gender

Nouns like a person or thing or animal can be classified into gender.

- There are four types of gender: Masculine, feminine, common and neuter.
- They can be singular or plural.

Types of Gender Nouns:



A. Masculine Gender

The names that are given to **men and boys** are classified as masculine gender.

Examples:



Father



Son



Grandfather



Peacock

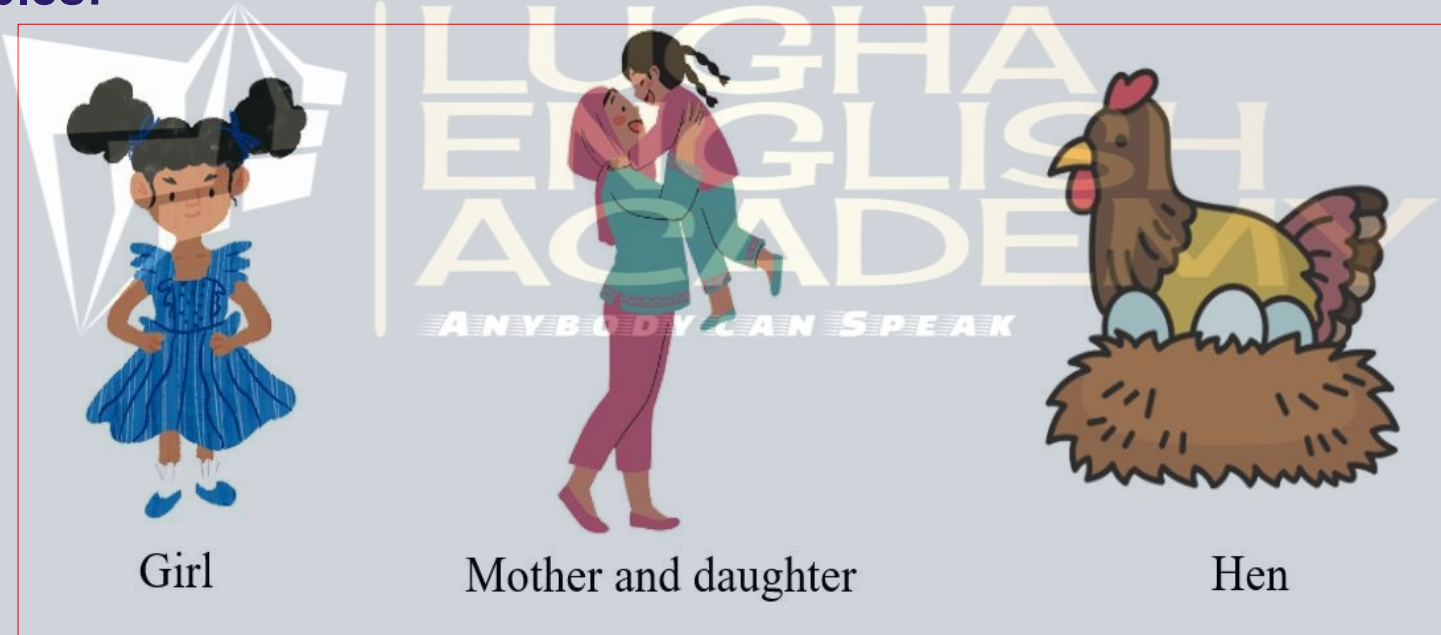
Illustrations of Masculine Gender

- **Person:** man, boy, king, father, brother, uncle, husband, nephew, son
- **Occupation:** doctor, engineer, lawyer, teacher, firefighter, police officer, mechanic
- **Animals:** lion, tiger, bull, stallion, rooster, ram, buck, boar.

B. Feminine Gender:

Name given to women, female animals, and girls are classified as feminine gender.

Examples:



Girl

Mother and daughter

Hen

Illustrations of Feminine Gender:

Person: sister, mother, daughter, aunt, queen.

Occupation: actress, waitress, policewoman, firewoman.

Animals: lioness, cow, hen, mare.

C. Common Gender:

A noun given to either a female or a male, which is commonly used for both feminine and masculine gender, is called a common noun. Words like a parent, friend, child, servant, enemy, thief, cousin, baby, student, writer, teacher, etc.

Examples:



Parent could be
male or female



Friend could be a
male or female



Baby could be a
girl or a boy

Illustrations of Common Gender:

- animal
- minister
- doctor
- employee
- singer
- peon
- musician
- dancer
- artist
- children
- servant
- enemy
- pupil.



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D. Neuter Gender:

A noun that refers to a lifeless thing that cannot be classified as feminine or masculine gender.

Examples:

pen, book, room, tree, house, box, butter, bread, chair Chalk, table, etc.



Pen



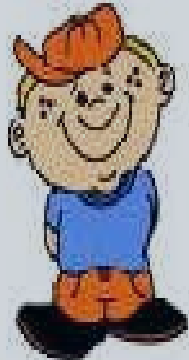
Books



Bread



Butter



MASCULINE

refers to names of
boys and men

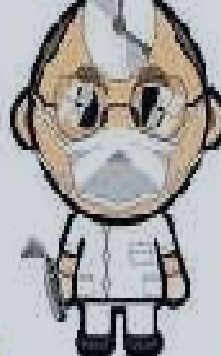
father	rooster
son	host
priest	king
uncle	hero



FEMININE

refers to names of
girls and women

aunt	hen
mother	goose
maiden	nun
grandma	niece



COMMON

refers to names of
both girls and boys

doctor	nurse
visitor	friend
cousin	manager
relative	singer



NEUTER

refers to names of
things / objects

eraser	desk
shoes	bus
chocolate	book
car	pants

1. Identify the Gender

Write M (Masculine), F (Feminine), C (Common), or N (Neutral) next to each noun:

1. King

2. Chair

3. Teacher

4. Queen

5. Book

6. Actor

7. Table

8. Parent

9. Nurse

10. Computer



2. Change the Gender

Change the following nouns to their opposite gender :

1. Prince → _____

2. Waitress → _____

3. Uncle → _____

4. Lion → _____

5. Husband → _____

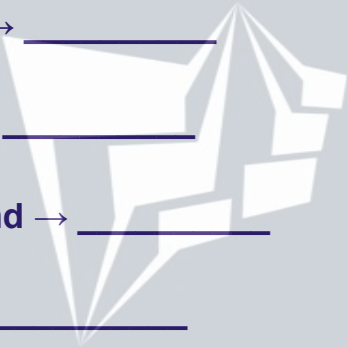
6. Son → _____

7. Cow → _____

8. Actress → _____

9. Hero → _____

10. Nephew → _____



4. Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct gendered word to complete the sentence:

1. The (actor / actress) won an award for her role.

2. My (mother / father) is a doctor.

3. The (lion / lioness) hunted in the jungle.

4. That (chair / waiter) was really friendly.

5. Her (nephew / niece) is visiting tomorrow.



Classify These Nouns

Put these words into four columns: Masculine, Feminine, Common, and Neutral.

1.Words: queen, student, table, computer, postman, woman, fox, baby, bottle, artist

2.actor, hen, soldier, pilot, laptop, duchess, dancer, broom, lion, guest, bride, bull, journalist, mirror, musician, stag

