



## Gender

### Learning Objectives

By the end of this chapter, students will be able to:

- Understand the concept of gender in nouns and pronouns.
- Identify four types of gender: Masculine, Feminine, Neuter, and Common.
- Classify nouns into their correct gender category.
- Apply knowledge of gender to both people and animals.
- Recognize gender in sentences and compound nouns.

### 1. What is Gender in Grammar?

In grammar, gender refers to the classification of nouns and pronouns based on sex or the absence of it.

**There are four types of gender:**

1. **Masculine Gender** – refers to male beings.
2. **Feminine Gender** – refers to female beings.
3. **Neuter Gender** – refers to non-living things.
4. **Common Gender** – refers to beings that can be either male or female.

### 2. Masculine and Feminine Gender

#### i. Masculine Gender

**Denotes males.**

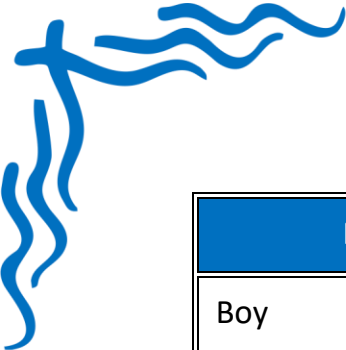
**Examples:** boy, father, son, uncle, lion, rooster (cock), peacock.

#### ii. Feminine Gender

**Denotes females.**

**Examples:** girl, mother, daughter, aunt, lioness, hen, peahen.

**Examples in pairs:**



Masculine	Feminine
Boy	Girl
Son	Daughter
Father	Mother
Uncle	Aunt
Nephew	Niece
King	Queen
Peacock	Peahen

### 3. Neuter Gender

Refers to non-living things. They are neither male nor female.

**Examples:** pen, book, table, glass, knife, umbrella, car.

**Activity Tip:** Underline neuter nouns in sentences to improve identification.

### 4. Common Gender

Refers to nouns that could be either male or female. We use these for people in general, not specifying gender.

**Examples:** teacher, friend, doctor, student, lawyer, classmate.

**Activity Tip:** Circle common gender nouns in sentences.

### 5. Compound Nouns and Gender

In compound nouns, the main noun changes to reflect gender.

**Examples:**

- Father-in-law → Mother-in-law
- Grandfather → Grandmother
- Milkman → Milkmaid
- Landlord → Landlady



## 6. Gender Practice Activities

### Match the Following

Match masculine nouns with their feminine forms:

- Boy → Girl
- Cock → Hen
- Lion → Lioness
- Uncle → Aunt

### Categorization

Sort nouns into masculine and feminine:

- **Masculine:** king, father, brother
- **Feminine:** daughter, niece, sister

### Fill in the Feminine Forms

- Prince → Princess
- Peacock → Peahen
- Tiger → Tigress
- King → Queen

Identify Gender in Sentences

Underline or circle masculine, feminine, neuter, or common gender nouns in context.

## 7. Points to Remember

- Masculine = male beings
  - Feminine = female beings
  - Neuter = objects or things
  - Common = either male or female
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