



Nouns : Gender

Definition

In English grammar, gender is the classification of nouns based on sex or lack of it. There are four types of genders:

1. Masculine Gender

- A noun that refers to a male.

Examples: boy, king, man, lion, uncle, father

2. Feminine Gender

- A noun that refers to a female.

Examples: girl, queen, woman, lioness, aunt, mother

3. Common Gender

- A noun that refers to either male or female.

Examples: friend, teacher, student, child, cousin, doctor

4. Neuter Gender

- A noun that refers to non-living things (neither male nor female).

Examples: table, book, rock, pen, phone, wall

Identification Activity (from the book)

You can identify the gender of the noun using initials:

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| • M for Masculine | • C for Common |
| • F for Feminine | • N for Neuter |

Examples:

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| • lion – M | • doctor – C |
| • aunt – F | • book – N |



Changing Masculine to Feminine Gender

By adding –ess:

Masculine	Feminine
prince	princess
lion	lioness
actor	actress
god	goddess
waiter	waitress

By changing the word part (compound nouns):

Masculine	Feminine
brother-in-law	sister-in-law
step-father	step-mother
man-servant	maid-servant
he-goat	she-goat

With different words for male/female:

Masculine	Feminine
king	queen
father	mother
monk	nun
dog	bitch
bull	cow



Practice Section (As in the textbook)

Write the opposite gender of these:

- Horse → _____
 - Lioness → _____
 - Aunt → _____
 - Tiger → _____
 - King → _____
 - Maid servant → _____
 - Master → _____
 - Waitress → _____
 - Lady → _____
 - Poet → _____
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