



## Nouns – Gender

### Introduction

Nouns can be classified based on gender, which indicates whether the noun refers to a male, female, both, or a thing.

**There are four types of gender in English grammar:**

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| 1. Masculine Gender | 3. Common Gender |
| 2. Feminine Gender  | 4. Neuter Gender |

#### 1. Masculine Gender

Nouns that refer to males are called masculine gender.

**Examples:** boy, father, uncle, man, king, prince, son.

#### 2. Feminine Gender

Nouns that refer to females are called feminine gender.

**Examples:** girl, mother, aunt, woman, queen, princess, daughter.

#### 3. Common Gender

Nouns that can refer to either male or female are called common gender.

**Examples:** child, friend, cousin, student, singer, teacher, doctor.

**Note:** Words like poet, author, actor, mayor are now also used as common gender (not necessarily masculine).

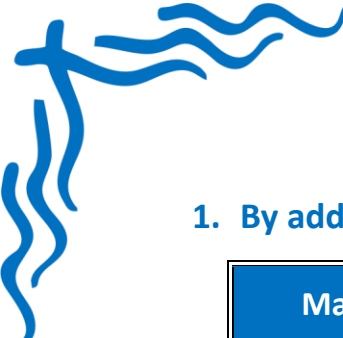
#### 4. Neuter Gender

Nouns that refer to non-living things are called neuter gender.

**Examples:** book, pen, mobile, laptop, table, box, stone.

### Formation of Feminine Gender

There are four common ways to form feminine nouns from masculine nouns:



### 1. By adding -ess

Masculine	Feminine
lion	lioness
author	authoress
poet	poetess
baron	baroness

### 2. By changing the spelling and adding -ess

Masculine	Feminine
emperor	empress
tiger	tigress
actor	actress
prince	princess

### 3. By adding a word before or after

Masculine	Feminine
grandfather	grandmother
man-servant	maid-servant
landlord	landlady
grandson	granddaughter

### 4. By using a completely different word

Masculine	Feminine
king	queen
boy	girl
father	mother
son	daughter
uncle	aunt
man	woman
brother	sister
nephew	niece

## Practice Activities Overview

### 1. Identify Gender

**Write:**

- 'M' for Masculine
- 'F' for Feminine

**Example:**

- bat – N
- cousin – C

- 'C' for Common
- 'N' for Neuter

- emperor – M
- niece – F



## 2. Fill in Opposite Gender

Complete sentences with the opposite gender of the underlined noun.

**Example:**

- ☐ I know she has a younger brother or \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ sister

## 3. Match the Genders

Match masculine nouns with their correct feminine forms.

**Example:**

- ☐ prince → princess
- ☐ uncle → aunt

## 4. Rewrite Sentences

Change the highlighted noun to its opposite gender and rewrite the sentence.

**Example:**

- ☐ A bridegroom is riding a horse.
- ☐ A bride is riding a horse.

## 5. Circle Neuter Gender Nouns

From a list of mixed nouns, identify and circle those that are neuter gender.

**Examples of neuter:**

- ☐ book, pen, mobile, toy

## 6. Tick (✓) the Correct Answer

Multiple-choice format to test understanding of gender types.

**Example:**

Rani's uncle is arriving. 'Uncle' is:

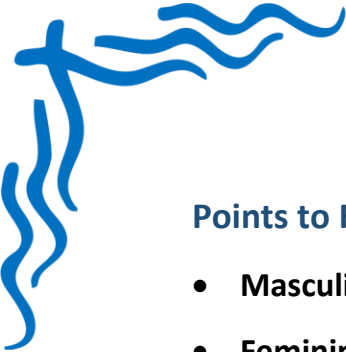
- ☐ Masculine
- ☐ Feminine
- ☐ Common

## 7. Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct noun (with appropriate gender) from the brackets.

**Example:**

- ☐ This \_\_\_\_\_ is an actress. (man/woman)
- ☐ woman



### Points to Remember

- **Masculine:** Refers to males.
- **Feminine:** Refers to females.
- **Common:** Refers to both males and females.
- **Neuter:** Refers to lifeless or non-living objects.