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Male or Female (Gender)

Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand the concept of gender in nouns.
- They will learn examples of male and female names for people and animals.
- They will practice matching nouns to their gender.



Lead in

Identify these famous celebrities and write their names.



1. Who of the following are males?
2. Who of the following are females?

Some nouns are male while others are female. This feature of nouns is called their **Gender**.

Look at the pictures given below.



boy



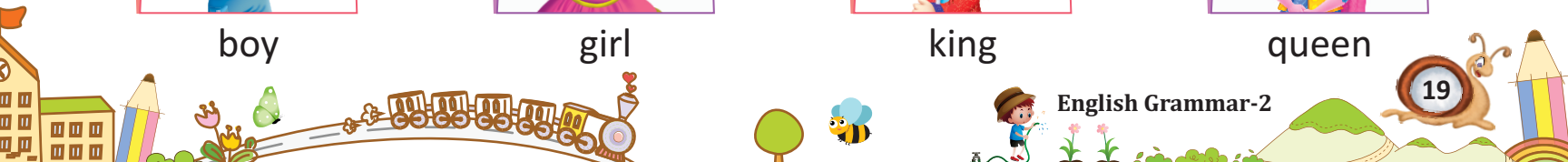
girl



king



queen





The noun boy refers to a male whereas the noun girl refers to a female.
 The noun king refers to male, whereas the noun queen refers to female.
 There are males and females in animals too. The nouns bull and lion refer to males, whereas the nouns cow and lioness refer to females.



Grammar Byte

- Instead of male and female in grammar, we use the words **Masculine** and **Feminine**.

Learn the following Masculine and Feminine Nouns.

Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
boy	girl	king	queen
father	mother	lion	lioness
brother	sister	man	woman
bull	cow	nephew	niece
cock	hen	prince	princess
emperor	empress	shepherd	shepherdess
gentleman	lady	son	daughter
horse	mare	tiger	tigress
husband	wife	uncle	aunt

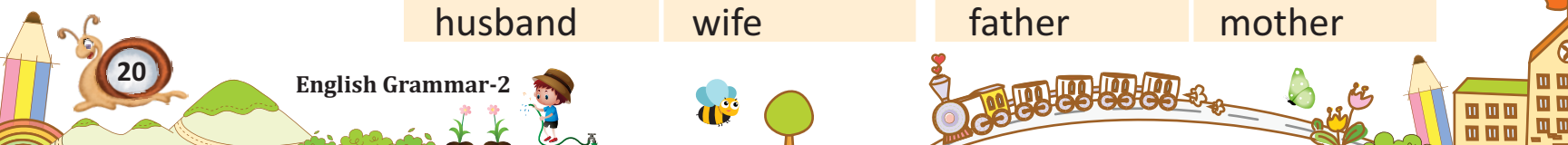
Formation of the Feminine Gender

There are three ways in which a feminine noun can be formed from a masculine noun:

1. By using an entirely different word.

Examples:

Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
dog	bitch	cock	hen
uncle	aunt	king	queen
son	daughter	sir	madam
husband	wife	father	mother





2. By adding 'ess' to the Masculine.

Examples :

Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
host	hostess	giant	giantess
author	authoress	prince	princess
lion	lioness	poet	poetess
shepherd	shepherdess	priest	priestess

3. By dropping the vowel before the last letter and adding 'ess'.

Examples :

Masculine	Feminine
waiter	waitress
hunter	huntress
actor	actress
tiger	tigress

Exceptions : In some cases the form is slightly changed before adding 'ess'.

Examples :

Masculine	Feminine
governor	governess
god	goddess

A. **Underline the gender of the naming word in each sentence. Then, tick (✓) the correct column. One has been done for you.**

1. My mother is very active.	Masculine	Feminine
2. My father is in army.		
3. This bull is very strong.		
4. My aunt is waiting for me.		
5. The king is generous.		
6. The horse is in the stable.		





B. In **Column A**, there are a few nouns. For each of the nouns, write the opposite gender in **Column B**.



Skills/Level
WRITING & READING/A1



Column A	Column B	Column A	Column B
father	_____	son	_____
man	_____	uncle	_____
king	_____	prince	_____
gentleman	_____	grandfather	_____
bull	_____	landlord	_____
tiger	_____	lion	_____
dog	_____	peacock	_____
nephew	_____	horse	_____



I.Q. Test

Find out the opposite gender for bachelor, headmaster, heir and author.

C. Rewrite the following sentences by changing the nouns in colour to its opposite gender. One has been done for you.



Skills/Level
LISTENING & WRITING/A1

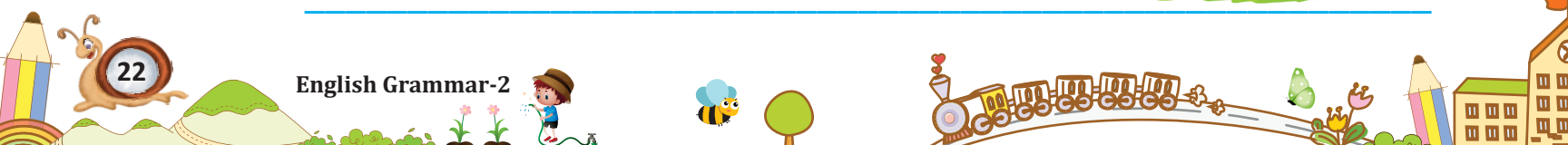


- The **king** loved the **prince** very much.
The queen loved the princess very much.



- My **father** lives in Chennai.

- The **tiger** has two cubs.





4. The **man** was kind.

5. The **boy** helped the **old man**.

6. **He** is my **father-in law**.

7. My **grandfather** told me a story.

8. The **wife** is cooking food.

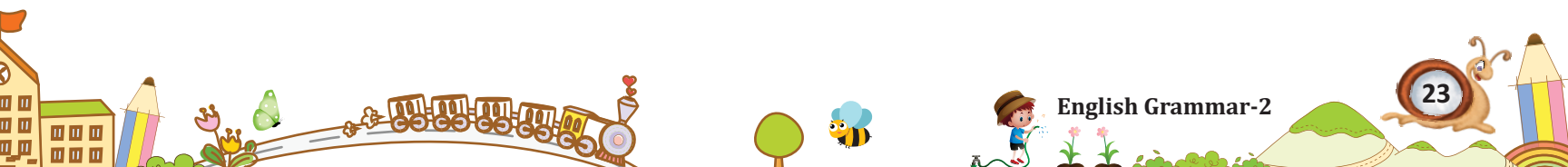
9. **He** is my **uncle**.

10. The **dog** is eating meat.



Points to Remember

- Nouns can be **Males** or **Females** on the basis of gender.
- We can say **Masculine** for males and **Feminine** for females.





My Activity Corner

Complete the grid using the opposite gender of the following nouns.

Words :

gander

grandmother

waiter

king

tiger

nun

son

The crossword puzzle grid is as follows:

- Across:**
 - 1: D _ U G _ _ _ R
 - 4: M _ N K
 - 6: T _ G _ _ S S
 - 7: H _ _ _ _
 - 8: Q _ _ E _
- Down:**
 - 2: W _ _ _ _
 - 3: _ _ _ _ _
 - 5: _ D _ _ _
 - 9: _ _ _ _ R

Illustrations include: two waiters, a king and queen, a boy and girl, a grandfather and grandmother, a nun, a priest, two tigers, and a boy and girl in traditional Indian attire.



My EeeBee Interactive Activities



Listening



Speaking



Reading



Writing



Grammar



Vocabulary

Practice your LSRW Skills



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