



Nouns : Gender

Learning Outcomes

- Students will learn the two genders of nouns.
- They will identify masculine and feminine nouns.



Lead in

Match the opposite gender.



boy



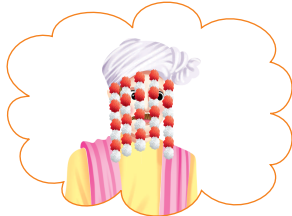
man



lion



king



bridegroom



lioness



bride



queen



girl



woman

Masculine and Feminine Gender

A noun that refers to a male is said to be of the **Masculine Gender**.

Examples : man, uncle, nephew, etc.

A noun that refers to female is said to be of the **Feminine Gender**.

Examples : woman, aunt, niece, etc.

Read the following sentence.

1. Amresh is a **boy**. He is my **brother**.
2. Amrita is a **girl**. She is my **sister**.



In the above sentences, **boy** and **brother** are the names of males.

Girl and **sister** are the names of females. **Boy** and **brother** are said to be of the **Masculine Gender**.

Girl and **sister** are said to be of the **Feminine Gender**.

Common Gender

A noun that refers to both male and female is said to be of the **Common Gender**.

Examples : doctor, teacher, student, friend, etc.

Read the following sentences.

1. Mr. Chaudhary is a doctor.
2. Mrs. Chaudhary is a doctor too.



The word **doctor** can stand both for Mr. and Mrs. Chaudhary.

So, the word **doctor** can be used for both male and female. Therefore, doctor is said to be of the **Common Gender**.

Neuter Gender

A noun that refers to a non-living thing is said to be of the **Neuter Gender**.

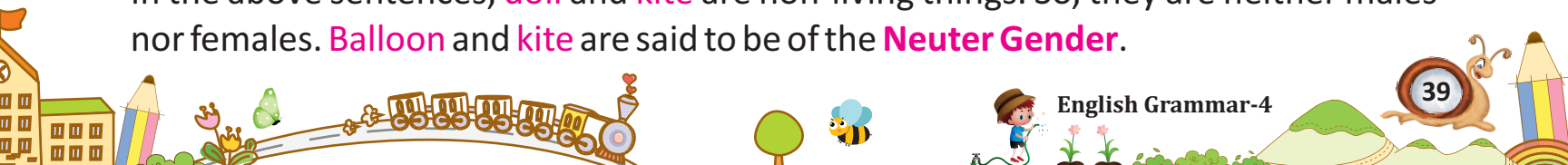
Examples : book, pen, ball, bat, etc.

Read the following sentences.

1. Mona has a doll.
2. Sipun has a kite.



In the above sentences, **doll** and **kite** are non-living things. So, they are neither males nor females. **Balloon** and **kite** are said to be of the **Neuter Gender**.





Grammar Byte

- ◉ The nouns which may be used for male and female are said to be of the **Common Gender**, e.g., teacher, friend. The word 'teacher' or 'friend' may mean either a male teacher / friend or a female teacher / friend. It is common to both boys and girls. So, words like teacher, friend, pupil, child are said to be nouns in the common gender.

List of Masculine and Feminine Gender

There are three ways in which a masculine noun can be changed into a feminine noun:

1. By using different word :

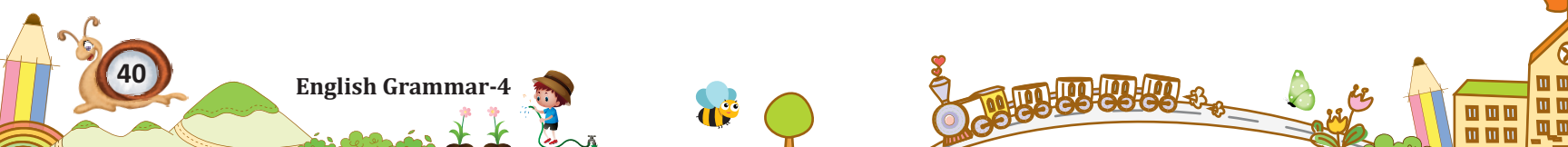
Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
son	daughter	husband	wife
father	mother	brother	sister
boy	girl	man	woman
sir	madam	nephew	niece
uncle	aunt	king	queen

2. By changing small words in case of compound words :

Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
gentleman	gentlewoman	stepfather	stepmother
grandfather	grandmother	peacock	peahen

3. By adding 'ess' to the masculine :

Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
lion	lioness	shepherd	shepherdess
jew	jewess	host	hostess
poet	poetess	peer	peeress
master	mistress	hunter	huntress
priest	priestess	god	goddess
actor	actress	count	countess



I.Q. Test

The pronoun *he* is used instead of a singular masculine noun, *she* is used instead of a singular feminine noun, and *it* is used instead of a singular neuter noun.

Change these from Masculine to Feminine :

1. The prince went into the hall. He ate his breakfast.
2. The uncle loved his nephew very much.

A. Rewrite the following sentences by changing the nouns in coloured letters from masculine to feminine gender. Make necessary changes wherever needed :

1. A **gentleman** came and took the **boy** inside.



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2. The **peacock** was dancing in the rain.

3. My **uncle** and my **nephew** visited us yesterday.

4. The **tiger** and the **lion** are wild animals.

5. The **man** sang a sweet song.

6. The **king** taught the **prince** the skill of warfare.

B. Write 'M' for masculine, 'F' for feminine, 'C' for common and 'N' for neuter gender.

1. neighbour

2. stone

3. heroine

4. hero

5. daughter

6. son

7. mother

8. father

9. bat

10. cousin



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11. teacher

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12. book

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13. prince

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14. queen

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15. friend

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16. pen

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17. girl

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18. boy

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Points to Remember

- A noun that refers to a male is said to be of the **Masculine Gender**.
- A noun that refers to a female is said to be of the **Feminine Gender**.



My Activity Corner

Classify the following nouns into their proper columns.

nephew	peahen	cousin	hunter	book	queen
woman	lion	vixen	stag	wizard	cock
man	tiger	fox	bat	table	ball
pencil	empress	bus	door	hen	teacher

Masculine	Feminine	Common	Neuter



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Grammar

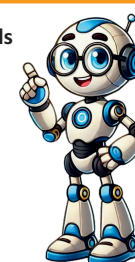


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