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# Nouns–Gender

## Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand the concept of gender in nouns and pronouns.
- They will identify different genders: masculine, feminine, common, and neuter.
- They will classify nouns into their respective genders.



## Lead in

A boy is a masculine and a girl is a feminine.

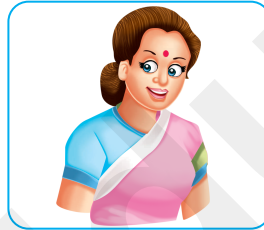
Write 'M' for the masculine and 'F' for the feminine in the box with the picture.

(a)



man

(b)



woman

(c)



king

(d)



queen

## Nouns : Gender

We can classify nouns on the basis of gender.

There are four kinds of gender.

1. Masculine gender
2. Feminine gender
3. Common gender
4. Neuter gender

### 1. Masculine Gender

Nouns that refer to males are said to be in **masculine gender**.

**Example :** son, father, prince, uncle, etc.

### 2. Feminine Gender

Nouns that refer to females are said to be in **feminine gender**.

**Example :** daughter, mother, princess, aunt,



### 3. Common Gender

Nouns that can be used for both male and female are known as **common gender**.

**Example :** singer, friend, doctor, cousin, etc.

### 4. Neuter Gender

Nouns that refer to non-living things are known as **neuter gender**.

**Examples :** book, chalk, box, soap, etc.

### Formation of Feminine Gender

Feminine gender of nouns can be formed by following the rules given below.

1. By adding **-ess** to the masculine.

Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
lion	lioness	author	authoress
poet	poetess	baron	baroness

2. By adding **-ess** after altering the spelling slightly.

Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
emperor	empress	tiger	tigress
actor	actress	prince	princess

3. By placing a word used before or after.

Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
grandson	grand daughter	grandfather	grandmother
man-servant	maid-servant	landlord	landlady

4. By using an entirely different word.

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



### Grammar Byte

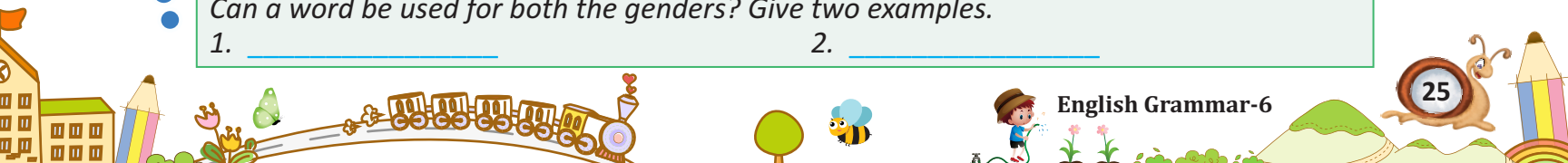
- ◉ Words like poet, author, actor, mayor are now used as common gender.



### I.Q. Test

Can a word be used for both the genders? Give two examples.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_





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

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|-----------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 1. bat    | <input type="text"/> | 2. cousin    | <input type="text"/> |
| 3. gander | <input type="text"/> | 4. niece     | <input type="text"/> |
| 5. mare   | <input type="text"/> | 6. emperor   | <input type="text"/> |
| 7. book   | <input type="text"/> | 8. bride     | <input type="text"/> |
| 9. lord   | <input type="text"/> | 10. landlord | <input type="text"/> |
| 11. uncle | <input type="text"/> | 12. friend   | <input type="text"/> |
| 13. sir   | <input type="text"/> | 14. nephew   | <input type="text"/> |



**Skills/Level**  
WRITING/A1



**B. Complete the sentences by filling the blanks with opposite gender of the highlighted words.**

1. I know she has a younger brother or \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The prince and the \_\_\_\_\_ live in the palace.
3. The milkman and the \_\_\_\_\_ supply milk in this colony.
4. My uncle and \_\_\_\_\_ live in Delhi.
5. Our landlord is cruel but \_\_\_\_\_ is kind.



**Skills/Level**  
WRITING/A1



**C. Match the masculine gender with feminine gender.**

**Column 'A'**

1. prince
2. nephew
3. count
4. uncle
5. son

**Column 'B'**

- (a) niece
- (b) princess
- (c) aunt
- (d) daughter
- (e) countess



**Skills/Level**  
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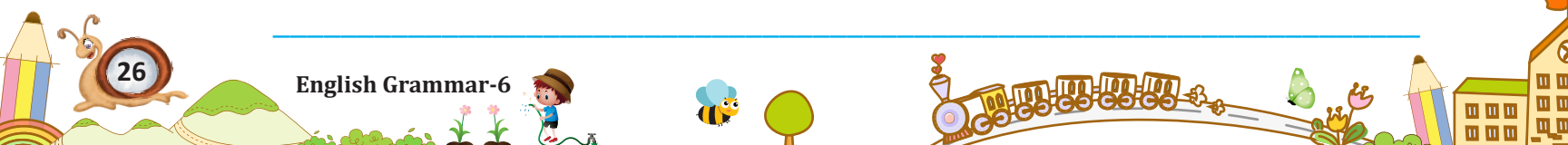


**D. Rewrite the sentences by changing the highlighted nouns in their opposite gender.**

1. A **bridegroom** is riding a horse.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. The **waiter** is serving the gentleman.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. His **uncle** and **nephew** came to visit him.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. The **queen** loved the **princess** more than the **prince**.  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Skills/Level**  
WRITING/A2



**E. Circle the neuter gender nouns in the following.**

book	singer	watch	bat
man-servant	mobile	employee	bull
box	toy	friend	stone
girl	parent	pen	teacher



**Skills/Level**  
WRITING/A1



## Grammar Byte

Common gender is applied to names of person or animals that do not indicate their gender such as baby, child, people, student, guest, cousin, etc.

**F. Tick (✓) the correct option.**

- Generally, gender is of \_\_\_\_\_ types.  
 (a) two ☐ (b) three ☐ (c) four ☐
- Rani's uncle is arriving from Mumbai. Here 'uncle' is :  
 (a) masculine gender ☐ (b) feminine gender ☐ (c) common gender ☐
- I love my friend very much. Here friend is :  
 (a) feminine gender ☐ (b) common gender ☐ (c) neuter gender ☐
- Sara's mobile is not working. Here mobile is :  
 (a) masculine gender ☐ (b) feminine gender ☐ (c) neuter gender ☐
- Love your parents because there are none like them. Here parents is :  
 (a) masculine gender ☐ (b) feminine gender ☐ (c) common gender ☐
- She is a famous :  
 (a) poet ☐ (b) poetess ☐ (c) poetin ☐



**Skills/Level**  
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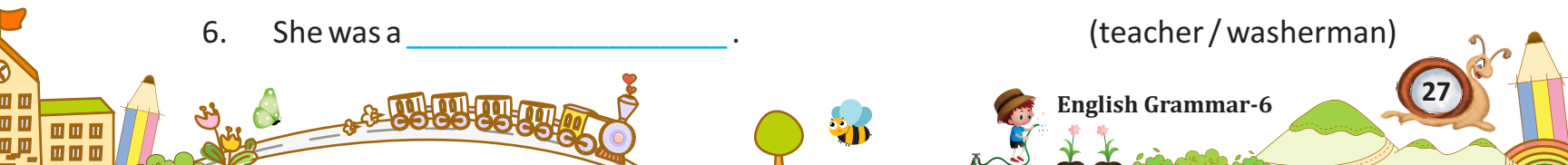


**G. Select proper words from those given in brackets to fill in the blanks.**

- This \_\_\_\_\_ is an actress. (man / woman)
- The \_\_\_\_\_ takes care of her son. (mother / father)
- His \_\_\_\_\_ does her homework herself. (son / daughter)
- A \_\_\_\_\_ is coming with his secretary. (gentleman / lady)
- Her \_\_\_\_\_ is a prince. (son / daughter)
- She was a \_\_\_\_\_. (teacher / washerman)



**Skills/Level**  
WRITING/A1





7. My \_\_\_\_\_ loves her children very much. (brother / sister)
8. My \_\_\_\_\_ has paid all his debts. (uncle / aunt)
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ takes care of his sheep. (brother / sister)



## Points to Remember

- There are four kinds of gender : **Masculine gender**, **Feminine gender**, **Common gender** and **Neuter gender**.
- Nouns that refer to males are said to be in **Masculine gender**.
- Nouns that refer to females are said to be in **Feminine gender**.
- Nouns that can be used for both males and females are said to be of the **Common gender**.
- Nouns that refer to non-living things are said to be of the **Neuter gender**.



## My Activity Corner

Look at the nouns given in the big box. Put each item in the right box.

prince	friend	fisherman	cousin
peacock	husband	baby	stallion
book	laptop	cow	chair
queen	bride	box	aunt

MASCULINE

FEMININE

COMMON

NEUTER



## My EeeBee Interactive Activities



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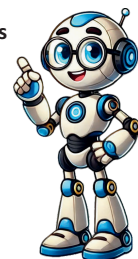


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