

Gender

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Masculine Gender Definition: Nouns which are the names of males.
Example: tiger, duke, husband, gentleman, boy, he, his

Feminine Gender Definition: Nouns which are the names of females.
Example: tigress, lady, lass, wife, girl, she, her

Neuter Gender Definition: Nouns which are neither male nor female.
Example: box, book, desk, bench, book, barn, it

Common Gender Definition: Nouns which the gender of an object is not known.
Example: neighbor, parent, friend, bird, people, cousin, them, they, we, us

Exercise: Name the gender of each of the following nouns

son	daughter	brother	sister	father
cousin	mouse	boy	general	house
ship	mother	tree	apple	goose
drake	brush	uncle	Douglas	Anne
niece	England	clock	pitcher	leaf
cow	friend	George	mom	road

The masculine gender may be distinguished from the feminine in three ways.

1. By the use of different words
2. By a different ending
3. By forming compound words

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1. By the use of different words

<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>
bachelor	maid / spinster	beau	belle
boy	girl	brother	sister
cock/rooster	hen	drake	duck
father	mother	gander	goose
gentleman	lady	hart	roe
husband	wife	king	queen
lord	lady	lad	lass
male	female	man	woman
Mr.	Mrs.	nephew	niece
papa	mama	sir	madam
son	daughter	stag	hind
uncle	aunt		

2. By a different ending

<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>
abbot	abbess	actor	actress
benefactor	benefactress	bridegroom	bride
count/earl	countess	czar	czarina
don	doña	duke	duchess
emperor	empress	friar / monk	nun
giant	giantess	God	goddess
heir	heiress	host	hostess
lion	lioness	marquis	marchioness
peer	peeress	prince	princess
prior	prioress	shepherd	shepherdess
songster	songstress	sultan	sultana
tailor	tailoress	tiger	tigress
viscount	viscountess	widower	widow
wizard	witch	administrator	administratrix
executor	executrix	prosecutor	prosecutrix
testator	testatrix	hero	heroine
equestrian	equestrienne		

3. By forming compound words

<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>
gentleman	gentlewoman	grandfather	grandmother
he-goat	she-goat	landlord	landlady
man-servant	maid-servant	peacock	peahen
schoolmaster	schoolmistress	stepfather	stepmother

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How many ways may the masculine gender be distinguished from the feminine?

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three

1. use of different words
2. different ending
3. forming compound words

Give an example of using different words to distinguish masculine from feminine gender.

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beau, belle; gander, goose
king, queen; lad, lass
brother, sister; husband, wife
lord, lady; male, female

Give an example of using different ending to distinguish masculine from feminine gender.

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emperor, empress; heir, heiress
actor, actress; lion, lioness
prince, princess; tiger, tigress
shepherd, shepherdess;
widower, widow; hero, heroine

Give an example of forming compound words to distinguish masculine from feminine gender.

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gentleman, gentlewoman
grandfather, grandmother
landlord, landlady
peacock, peahen
schoolmaster, schoolmistress