

## Genders

**Gender** refers to the roles, behaviors, and expectations that society associates with being male, female, or other identities.

### **Types of Gender:**

#### 1. **Masculine Gender:**

- The nouns that are associated with male characteristics.
- Examples: "He," "man," "boy," "king," "actor."

#### 2. **Feminine Gender:**

- The nouns that are associated with female characteristics.
- Examples: "She," "woman," "girl," "queen," "actress."

#### 3. **Common Gender:**

- The nouns that can be used for both males and females or when the gender is not specified.
- Examples: "Teacher," "doctor," "student," "parent," "child."

#### 4. **Neuter Gender:**

- The nouns that are not associated with any gender (Non-Living).
- Examples: "It," "car," "tree," "house," "book."

### **Examples of Usage**

- **Masculine:** "The **king** gave a speech."
- **Feminine:** "The **queen** waved to the crowd."
- **Common:** "The **doctor** will see you now." (Doctor can refer to any gender.)
- **Neuter:** "The **tree** is tall." (Tree is an inanimate object, so it's neuter.)

## Rules of forming genders

In English, forming feminine nouns from masculine ones follows some traditional patterns, though many of these are becoming less common in favor of gender-neutral language. Here are the key rules:

### **1. Adding a Suffix:**

- **-ess:** The most common suffix used to form feminine nouns from masculine ones.
  - Actor → Actress
  - Prince → Princess
  - Host → Hostess
  - Lion → Lioness
- Note: The use of **-ess** is becoming less common in modern usage, with a preference for gender-neutral terms like "actor" for both male and female performers.

## 2. Different Word for Each Gender:

- Some words have entirely different forms for masculine and feminine:
  - King → Queen
  - Duke → Duchess
  - Bull → Cow
  - Stallion → Mare

## 3. Changing Prefixes or Suffixes:

- A few words use prefixes or other forms to indicate gender:
  - Heir → Heiress
  - Emperor → Empress

## 4. No Change (Same Word for Both Genders):

- Many modern English nouns have no gender distinction, and the same word is used for both masculine and feminine:
  - Teacher, doctor, student, friend
  - In such cases, the gender is often indicated by context or by using gender-specific pronouns (he/she) if necessary.

## 5. Feminine Titles and Forms:

- Titles may change to reflect gender:
  - Mr. → Mrs./Ms.
  - Sir → Madam/Lady
  - Earl → Countess
- Note: The trend is towards using titles that are the same for all genders, especially in professional settings.

## 6. Animals:

- For some animals, specific terms are used to denote the female:
  - Rooster → Hen
  - Dog → Bitch (although "female dog" is more commonly used)
  - Stallion → Mare

## Modern Trends:

- There's a strong movement toward gender-neutral language, especially in professional roles and job titles. For example, "actor" is now commonly used for both men and women, and terms like "chairperson" replace "chairman" or "chairwoman."

In many cases, the choice to use or not use these forms depends on context, cultural norms, and personal preference.

Some feminine nouns are made by adding “ess” with nouns as

Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
Giant	Giantess	Heir	Heiress	Host	Hostess

Some feminine nouns are made by removing preceded vowel and putting ‘ess’ in masculine nouns as

Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
Actor	Actress	Ambassador	Ambassadress	Conductor	Conductress
Director	Directress	Emperor	Empress		

Some feminine nouns are made by adding or changing something at the start or end of the masculine nouns as

Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
Doctor	Lady-doctor	Pea-cock	Pea-hen	He-bear	She-bear
He-goat	She-goat				

<b>1. Identify the feminine form of the noun: "Actor"</b>			
Ⓐ Actress	Ⓑ Actoress	Ⓒ Actorina	Ⓓ Actressa
<b>Explanation:</b> "Actor" is the masculine form, and "Actress" is the feminine form of the noun.			
<b>2. Which of the following nouns is of common gender?</b>			
Ⓐ Nurse	Ⓑ King	Ⓒ Queen	Ⓓ Lion
<b>Explanation:</b> The noun "Nurse" can refer to both males and females, making it a common gender noun.			
<b>3. What is the masculine form of the noun: "Duchess"?</b>			
Ⓐ Duke	Ⓑ Duchess	Ⓒ Dutchman	Ⓓ Dukeess
<b>Explanation:</b> "Duchess" is the feminine form, and "Duke" is the masculine form of the noun.			
<b>4. Identify the neuter gender noun in the following options:</b>			
Ⓐ Lioness	Ⓑ Teacher	Ⓒ Table	Ⓓ Waitress
<b>Explanation:</b> "Table" is an inanimate object, which belongs to the neuter gender.			
<b>5. Which of the following is the feminine form of "Wizard"?</b>			
Ⓐ Witch	Ⓑ Sorcerer	Ⓒ Wizardess	Ⓓ Magician
<b>Explanation:</b> "Wizard" is masculine, and the feminine form is "Witch."			
<b>6. Which of the following nouns belongs to the common gender?</b>			
Ⓐ Doctor	Ⓑ Prince	Ⓒ Princess	Ⓓ Bull
<b>Explanation:</b> The noun "Doctor" can refer to both males and females, making it a common gender noun.			
<b>7. Identify the feminine form of the noun: "Hero"</b>			
Ⓐ Heroin	Ⓑ Heroine	Ⓒ Heroiness	Ⓓ Herosa
<b>Explanation:</b> "Hero" is the masculine form, and "Heroine" is the feminine form of the noun.			
<b>8. Which of the following is a neuter gender noun?</b>			
Ⓐ Aunt	Ⓑ Uncle	Ⓒ Book	Ⓓ Cow
<b>Explanation:</b> "Book" is an inanimate object, which is classified under the neuter gender.			

<b>9. What is the feminine form of the noun: "Emperor"?</b>			
(A) Emperess	(B) Emperina	(C) Empress	(D) Empressa
<b>Explanation:</b> "Emperor" is the masculine form, and "Empress" is the feminine form of the noun.			
<b>10. Which of the following nouns is of masculine gender?</b>			
(A) Stallion	(B) Hen	(C) Mare	(D) Goose
<b>Explanation:</b> "Stallion" refers to a male horse, making it a masculine gender noun.			
<b>11. What is the feminine form of "Host"?</b>			
(A) Hostess	(B) Hostina	(C) Hostress	(D) Hostia
<b>Explanation:</b> "Host" is the masculine form, and "Hostess" is the feminine form of the noun.			
<b>12. Which of the following nouns is of neuter gender?</b>			
(A) Cow	(B) Chair	(C) Waiter	(D) Actress
<b>Explanation:</b> "Chair" is an inanimate object, which is classified under the neuter gender.			
<b>13. Identify the common gender noun in the following options:</b>			
(A) Bride	(B) Groom	(C) Parent	(D) Widow
<b>Explanation:</b> "Parent" can refer to either a mother or a father, making it a common gender noun.			
<b>14. Which of the following is the masculine form of "Niece"?</b>			
(A) Nephew	(B) Nephewess	(C) Niecer	(D) Niel
<b>Explanation:</b> "Niece" is the feminine form, and "Nephew" is the masculine form of the noun.			
<b>15. What is the feminine form of "Lion"?</b>			
(A) Lioness	(B) Liona	(C) Lionet	(D) Lionina
<b>Explanation:</b> "Lion" is the masculine form, and "Lioness" is the feminine form of the noun.			
<b>16. Which of the following nouns is of common gender?</b>			
(A) Cow	(B) Judge	(C) Stallion	(D) Bull
<b>Explanation:</b> "Judge" can refer to either a male or female, making it a common gender noun.			
<b>17. Which of the following nouns belongs to the neuter gender?</b>			
(A) Sun	(B) Teacher	(C) Girl	(D) Boy
<b>Explanation:</b> The "Sun" is considered an inanimate object and is classified under the neuter gender.			
<b>18. What is the feminine form of "Wizard"?</b>			
(A) Sorceress	(B) Wizardess	(C) Warlock	(D) Mage
<b>Explanation:</b> "Wizard" is the masculine form, and "Sorceress" is a feminine equivalent.			
<b>19. Which of the following nouns is masculine?</b>			
(A) Hen	(B) Doe	(C) Rooster	(D) Mare
<b>Explanation:</b> "Rooster" is a male chicken, making it a masculine gender noun.			
<b>20. Identify the common gender noun in the following options:</b>			
(A) Waiter	(B) Teacher	(C) Actor	(D) Queen
<b>Explanation:</b> The noun "Teacher" can refer to both males and females, making it a common gender noun.			
<b>21. Which of the following nouns is of neuter gender?</b>			
(A) Ship	(B) Horse	(C) Duchess	(D) Bull
<b>Explanation:</b> Although sometimes personified, "Ship" is an inanimate object and belongs to the neuter gender.			
<b>22. What is the masculine form of "Vixen"?</b>			
(A) Fox	(B) Vix	(C) Vixman	(D) Foxer
<b>Explanation:</b> "Vixen" is the feminine form, and "Fox" is the masculine form of the noun.			
<b>23. Identify the common gender noun in the following options:</b>			
(A) Monk	(B) Hen	(C) Child	(D) Cock
<b>Explanation:</b> The noun "Child" can refer to both male and female, making it a common gender noun.			
<b>24. Which of the following nouns belongs to the neuter gender?</b>			
(A) River	(B) Shepherd	(C) Emperor	(D) Waitress

**Explanation:** "River" is an inanimate object, which is classified under the neuter gender.

**25. Which of the following nouns is masculine?**

(A) Goose

(B) Cow

(C) Drake

(D) Mare

**Explanation:** "Drake" refers to a male duck, making it a masculine gender noun.