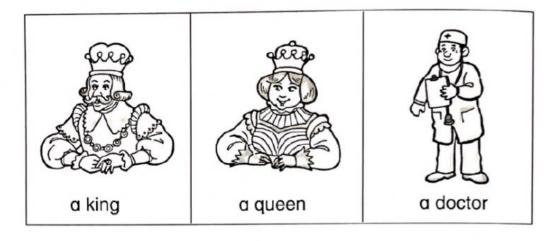
Unit 37 Gender

GENDER

Look at the pictures. Can you identify the gender of the nouns?



'King' is a male.

It belongs to the masculine gender.

'Queen' is a female.

It belongs to the feminine gender.

'Doctor' can be a male or female.

It belongs to the common gender.

Words expressing males are of the masculine gender.

Words expressing females are of the feminine gender.

Words expressing both males and females are of the common gender.



Examples:

(i) Masculine gender and feminine gender:

Masculine gender	Feminine gender
actor	actress
author	authoress
bachelor	spinster
boar	sow
boy	girl
brother	sister
brother-in-law	sister-in-law
bull	cow
dog	bitch
drake	duck
father	mother
father-in-law	mother-in-law
gentleman	lady
grandfather	grandmother
hero	heroine
husband	wife
king	queen
lion	lioness
man	woman
manager	manageress
master	mistress
nephew	niece
policeman	policewoman
prince	princess
rooster	hen
stepfather	stepmother

Masculine gender	Feminine gender	
son	daughter	
son-in-law	daughter-in-law	
steward	stewardess	
tiger	tigress	
uncle	aunt	
waiter	waitress	
wizard	witch	

(ii) Common gender:

baby

bird

children

cleaner

crocodile

doctor

driver

elephant

engineer

hawker

lawyer

monkey

parent

pedestrian

pupil

scientist

supervisor

swimmer

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EXERCISE 37

- (A) The nouns in the following sentences are underlined. Write them in the correct columns.
- I. That boy is a liar.
- 2. The teacher is my aunt.
- 3. The hero was cheered by the people.
- 4. The widow has to support four children.
- The man who spoke to me just now is a doctor.
- 6. The lioness was bitten by a cobra.
- 7. The woman is scared of mice.
- 8. The manageress is talking to a salesman.
- q. My cousin is helping the bride.
- 10. The sow gave birth to ten piglets.
- 11. The steward is serving the passengers.
- 12. My uncle is talking to the maid.
- 13. My grandfather was an outstanding athlete during his school days.
- 14. The robber tried to attack a policewoman.
- 15. The rude waitress was sacked by the supervisor.



Masculine gender	Feminine gender	Common gender	
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(B) Rewrite the following sentences changing the words in bold from masculine to feminine.

 That man is my und 	le.
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2. The bridegroom is Mr Grant's nephew.



3.	My father is a businessman.
4.	His brother-in-law wants to be an actor .
5.	My brother became a steward last year.
6.	Mr Owen's son is a famous artist.
7.	The old widower became a beggar.
8.	The king was angry with the prince .
9.	The tiger has become a man-eater.
10.	His father-in-law is the manager of the company.
11.	The wizard was burnt to death.
12.	The bulls are grazing in the field.
13.	The salesman was rude to the customer.
14.	That man is the principal's husband.
15.	The lion was shot by a hunter.