

CLASS : 4

SUBJECT : GRAMMAR

LESSON : 7 THE NOUN: GENDER

GENDER : Gender is a noun which tells about a person , animal or thing whether it is male or female, either male or female or lifeless.

There are four kinds of gender.

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

1. Masculine gender : Name of any male person or animal is masculine gender.

Example : boy, man, father, bull , dog

2. Feminine gender : Name of any female person or animal is feminine gender.

Example : girl, woman, mother, cow

3. Common gender : Name of a person or animal that may be either male or female is common gender.

Example : baby, student, parents

4. Neuter gender : Name of a lifeless object is neuter gender.

Example: bag, table, book, laptop

There are four ways to form feminine form of gender.

1. by changing of word; as

Boy - girl

Husband – wife

2. by adding – ess to the masculine; as

Poet – poetess

Lion – lioness

3. by adding – ess after dropping the vowel of the masculine ending; as

Actor – actress

Tiger – tigress

4. by replacing a word before or after their masculines ; as

Grandfather – grandmother

Manservant – maidservant

Exercises

A. Write the gender of the following words : page no.40

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| 1. pencil | <u>neuter</u> |
| 2. knife | <u>neuter</u> |
| 3. niece | <u>feminine</u> |
| 4. stick | <u>neuter</u> |
| 5. ewe | <u>feminine</u> |
| 6. drake | <u>masculine</u> |
| 7. cock | <u>masculine</u> |
| 8. file | <u>neuter</u> |
| 9. mare | <u>feminine</u> |
| 10. tree | <u>neuter</u> |
| 11. bitch | <u>feminine</u> |
| 12. cattle | <u>common</u> |
| 13. fowl | <u>common</u> |
| 14. mobile | <u>neuter</u> |
| 15. sheep | <u>common</u> |
| 16. dictionary | <u>neuter</u> |

17.sow	<u>feminine</u>
18.magazine	<u>neuter</u>
19.bottle	<u>neuter</u>
20.bull	<u>masculine</u>

B. Fill in the blanks with masculine or feminine gender : page no. 40 & 41

1. <u>uncle</u>	aunt
2. man	<u>woman</u>
3. stallion	<u>mare</u>
4. author	<u>authoress</u>
5. <u>cock</u>	hen
6. ram	<u>ewe</u>
7. master	<u>mistress</u>
8. <u>drake</u>	duck
9. <u>lord</u>	lady
10. <u>wizard</u>	witch
11. <u>boar</u>	sow
12. <u>landlord</u>	landlady
13. <u>nephew</u>	niece
14.monk	<u>nun</u>