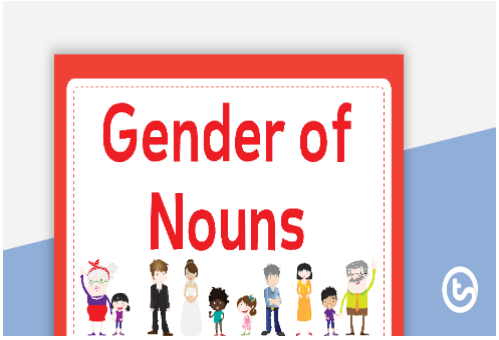
Standard 2

Curriculum Topic: Nouns –Gender Classification (Writing)



Let us recap:



A noun is a word that is used to name a person, animal, place, thing or idea. Words such as teacher, student, dog, uncle, island, cow, princess, desk, peace and beauty, are all nouns.

What is gender of nouns?

It is the grouping of nouns according to gender either as feminine, masculine or neuter.

Gender Classification (Groupings) of Nouns

Masculine gender	Nouns like **man, boy, father and tiger** that refer to males belong to masculine gender.
Feminine gender	Nouns like **woman, girl, mother and tigress** that refer to females belong to the feminine gender.
Common gender	Nouns like **teacher, orphan and sheep** that refer to either males or females belong to the common gender. A teacher may be either a man or a woman. An orphan may be either a boy or girl. A sheep may be either a ram or an ewe. Nouns that belong to the common gender do not indicate the sex.
Neuter gender	Nouns like **book, door, stone, sky, desk and football**, which are lifeless and so have neither male, female nor common gender, belong to the neuter gender.

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Activity 1

Write beside each word, the letter that indicates its gender. Write **M** for Masculine, **F** for Feminine, **C** for Common and **N** for Neuter.

For example:
Aunt F
Sock N
Son M
Child C

1. Niece _____
2. Shovel_____
3. Nephew_____
4. Friend_____
5. Automobile_____
6. Bull_____
7. Guest_____
8. Nun_____
9. Husband_____
10. Bride_____
11. Film_____
12. Traveller _____

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Activity 2

Match the words from the bank to their correct gender. Write whether they belong to the Masculine or Feminine gender by putting M or F beside each.

NOUNS BANK		
nun	headmistress	shepherd
prince	bachelor	actress
widower	hostess	hero

For example:

A woman in charge of a school – headmistress (F)

1. The son of a king-_____
2. A man who has never been married-_____
3. A woman who entertains guests at home-_____
4. A man who performs a courageous act-_____
5. A woman who acts on the stage-_____
6. A man who looks after sheep-_____
7. A man whose wife is dead-_____
8. A woman who has taken religious vow-_____

Activity 3

Match the words from the bank to their correct gender. Write whether they belong to the Common or Neuter gender by putting C or N beside each noun.

NOUNS BANK		
baker	racket	stethoscope
cyclist	author	dictionary
submarine	patient	orphan

For example:

A vessel that travels underwater-submarine (N)

1. A person who rides a bicycle-_____
2. The bat used in tennis-_____
3. Someone who writes books and stories_____
4. The book that gives the meaning of words-_____
5. A person who is being treated by a doctor-_____
6. A device used to listen to the heart and lung-_____
7. A child whose parents are dead-_____
8. Someone who makes bread and pastries-_____

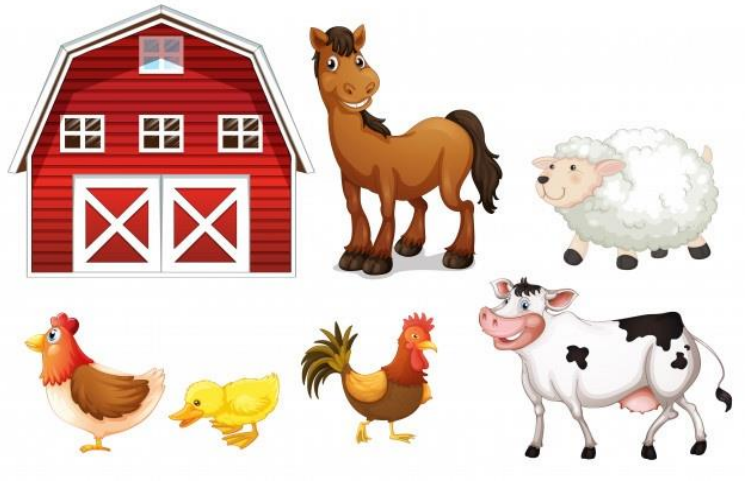


Activity 4

In the following paragraph, change:

(i) each **feminine** noun to the **masculine** gender and

(ii) each **masculine** noun to the **feminine** gender



My father took me to the farm to see all the animals and I was very excited. The first animal I saw was a cow and it was huge and strong. When I went close, I heard a deep "moo" sound. My brother got scared and hid behind my father. Then I saw the hen running wildly in the yard. My favourite animal was the stallion in the stable with beautiful long hair. Soon the gander walked up to me and I touched its soft white feathers. I was happy to be at the farm.

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Activity 1: Answer Key

1. Niece F
2. Shovel N
3. Nephew M
4. Friend C
5. Automobile N
6. Bull M
7. Guest C
8. Nun F
9. Husband M
10. Bride F
11. Film N
12. Traveller C

Activity 2: Answer Key

1. The son of a king- prince (M)
2. A man who has never been married- bachelor (M)
3. A woman who entertains guests at home- hostess (F)
4. A man who performs a courageous act –hero (M)
5. A woman who acts on the stage-actress (F)
6. A man who looks after sheep-shepherd(M)
7. A man whose wife is dead-widower (M)
8. A woman who has taken religious vow- nun(F)

Activity 3: Answer Key

1. A person who rides a bicycle-cyclist (C)
2. The bat used in tennis-racket(N)
3. Someone who writes books and stories-author (C)
4. The book that gives the meaning of words-dictionary (N)
5. A person who is being treated by a doctor-patients (C)
6. A device used to listen to the heart and lung-stethoscope (N)
7. A child whose parents are dead-orphan(C)
8. Someone who makes bread and pastries-baker (C)

Activity 4: Answer Key 

My **father** took me to the farm to see all the animals and I was very excited. The first animal I saw was a **bull** and it was huge and strong. When I went close I heard a deep "moo" sound. My **sister** got scared and hid behind my **father**. Then I saw the rooster running wildly in the yard. My favourite animal was the **mare** in the stable with beautiful long hair. Soon the **goose** walked up to me and I touched its soft white feathers. I was happy to be at the farm.