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<b>TOPIC: Noun Gender</b>		Handout	
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There are four genders of nouns in English. They are Masculine Gender, Feminine Gender, Common Gender and Neuter Gender.

1. **Masculine Gender** – A noun that indicates a male is called the Masculine Gender. It can be any male person or an animal.

Eg: boy, horse, poet, father, tiger, etc.

2. **Feminine Gender** – A noun that indicates a female is called the Feminine Gender. It can be any female person or an animal.

Eg: girl, mare, poetess, mother, tigress, etc.

3. **Common Gender** – A noun that remains the same for both males and females is called the Common Gender. It can either be male or female.

Eg: doctor, child, student, etc.

4. **Neuter Gender** – A noun that is neither male nor female is called the Neuter Gender. It denotes a non-living thing.

Eg: table, car, fan etc.

## A list of frequently used Noun Genders.

MASCULINE GENDER	FEMININE GENDER
man	woman
son	daughter
father	mother
husband	wife
nephew	niece
brother	sister
uncle	aunt
landlord	landlady
poet	poetess
grandfather	grandmother
hunter	huntress
man-servant	maid-servant
shepherd	shepherdess
duke	duchess
prince	princess
emperor	empress
peacock	peahen
bull	COW
drake	duck
lion	lioness
tiger	tigress
fox	vixen
bridegroom	bride
gander	goose
policeman	policewoman

## **COMMON GENDER EXAMPLES:**

parent, friend, child, servant, enemy, cousin, thief, student, writer, teacher, baby