

Grade 6 - English

Grammar

Noun - Gender

What is Gender???

Gender is a system of differentiating nouns and pronouns as one the following:

- I. Masculine
- II. Feminine
- III. Common
- IV. Neuter

Masculine Gender

Masculine Gender-A noun or pronoun that refers to a MALE character or member of a species.

Examples include the following:

Boy

Man

He

Brother

Bull

Him

Lion

Actor

King

Hero

*Helpful Hint-Masculine, like Male, begins with the letter "M"

Feminine Gender

Feminine Gender-A noun or pronoun that refers to a FEMALE character or member of a species.

Examples include the following:

Girl	Woman	She	Sister	Cow
Her	Lioness	Actress	Queen	Heroine

*Helpful Hints-Feminine, like Female, begins with the letter "F"

If a noun has a suffix (ending) of -ess, -ine, or -ette, it is Feminine

Common Gender

Common Gender-A noun or pronoun that can either be female or male

Examples include the following:

Parent

Child

Student

Servant

Friend

Cousin

Member

Teacher

They

Them

Helpful Hint-If you can use the word to apply to a man AND woman, it is a common noun/pronoun

Neuter Gender

COMMON MISCONCEPTION-THIS DOES NOT MEAN NEUTRAL

Neuter Gender-A noun or pronoun that is neither female nor male

Examples include the following:

Room

Chair

Pen

Tree

Book

Star

Lake

Car

It

Paper

Helpful Hint-If it is lifeless, it is a neuter gender

Thank you..!