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Gender is a term used to differentiate between male and female nouns.

There are four kinds of genders

1. **Masculine** Gender: denotes a male gender

Eg: man, father, nephew, author

2. **Feminine** Gender: denotes a female gender

Eg: mother, poetess, niece, aunt

3. **Common** Gender: denotes both male and female genders

Eg: baby, child, cook, servant

4. **Neuter** Gender: denotes neither male nor female

Eg: book, pen, radio, camera, car

Masculine	Feminine
Lion	Lioness
Gander	Goose
Rooster	Hen
King	Queen
Uncle	Aunt
Headmaster	Headmistress
Man	Woman
Grandfather	Grandmother
Tiger	Tigress

Son	Daughter
Boy	Girl
Peacock	Peahen
Father	Mother
Monk	Nun
Husband	Wife
Nephew	Niece
Hero	Heroine
Groom	Bride
Watchman	Watchwoman
Grandson	Granddaughter
Brother	Sister
Gentleman	Lady
Wizard	Witch

 **Read this paragraph. Underline the masculine nouns and circle the feminine nouns.**

My niece and my nephew visited my grandfather in the village and gave me a description of that place. They said that my grandfather has a big farm with cows, bulls, hens, roosters, a goose and a gander, and even an old mare which lives in a stable. They said that my grandfather had hired a milkmaid to milk the cows. She sells the milk to the villagers. There is a fisherman who lives nearby and delivers fresh fish to the house. My grandmother is quite old and needs a nurse to look after her. My uncle and aunt, who live in the village close by, often pay them a visit. It seems that my grandfather leads a simple life.

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