

Class 2 English Grammar Lesson 4 : Naming Words: **Gender**

The gender of a naming word tells us whether the person or animal we are referring to is male or female.

He-group Words / Masculine Gender

Words that we use for a man, boy or male animal belong to he-group words. They are said to be of the masculine gender.

Examples: father, brother, cock, peacock, buck, son, uncle etc.

She-group Words/Feminine Gender

Words that we use for a woman, girl or female animal belong to she-group words. They are said to be of the feminine gender.

Examples: mother, sister, doe, peahen, aunt daughter etc.

Solved exercises:

A. Read these naming words. Write M for masculine gender and F for feminine gender.

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| 1. tiger | M |
| 2. lady | F |
| 3. rooster | M |
| 4. bride | F |
| 5. gander | M |
| 6. brother | M |
| 7. bitch | F |
| 8. mare | F |
| 9. aunt | F |

B. Fill in the blanks with the opposite gender of the highlighted words.

Choose your answers from the brackets.

[empress son duck bridegroom lioness actresses]

1. Uncle Sumit's **daughter** and son are both doctors.
2. We saw the **lion** and the lioness resting.
3. Both the **emperor** and the empress were kind.
4. Many **actors** and actresses attended the party.

5. Both the **bride** and the bridegroom look very happy.
 6. The **drake** and the duck swam happily in the pond.

C. Underline the gender naming word in each sentence. Then, tick the correct column.

	Masculine	Feminine
1. The <u>doe</u> grazed in the field.		
2. My <u>uncle</u> is in the army.		√
3. The <u>fox</u> hid behind the bushes.	√	
4. My <u>niece</u> is eight years old.		√
5. This <u>mare</u> can run fast.		√
6. My <u>grandfather</u> is very active.	√	