

# ENGLISH (SSC 04 FEBRUARY 2019)

## NOUN & GENDER

- ✓ Masculine Gender
- ✓ Feminine Gender
- ✓ Common Gender
- ✓ Neuter Gender

## SPECIAL CASE

- ✓ Few nouns showing beauty, gracefulness, gentleness are considered to be in Feminine Gender.  
As; moon, earth, nature, spring, hope, virtue, charity, humility, mercy, faith, peace, ship, river, nation, liberty, fame, modesty, pride, truth, justice, etc.
- ✓ Few nouns showing strength, firmness and energy are considered to be in Masculine Gender.

As; sun, time, death, winter, wind, summer, thunder, ocean, love, war, wine, etc.

- The sun shot his bright rays.
- Death always knows his victim.
- ✓ Material and Abstract Nouns are considered to be in neuter gender.
- Water changes its shape when it becomes ice.
- Virtue is its own reward.
- Collective Nouns even when they denote living beings, are considered of the neuter gender; as
- The jury gave its verdict.
- Young children and lower animals are considered of the neuter gender; as
- The baby sucked its thumb.
- The donkey raised its tail and ran forward.
- Lifeless objects are sometimes personified. It means that they are spoken of as living beings. Then they are regarded as males or females.
- Male- strength and violence
- Female- beauty and grace
- The Sun sends us warmth through his rays.
- Death lays his icy hands on kings too.
- Spring has spread her green carpet everywhere.
- Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war.

## WAY OF CHANGING GENDER

- ✓ There are three ways of forming the feminines of nouns:
- ✓ By using an entirely different word
- ✓ By changing a word before or after
- ✓ By adding 'ess' to the masculine

## By using an entirely different word

Masculine	Feminine
Boy	Girl
Dog	Bitch
Bull	Cow
Uncle	Aunt
Bullock	Heifer
Boar	Sow
Drone	Bee

## By changing a word before or after

Masculine	Feminine
Land-lord	Land-lady
Grand-father	Grand-mother
Buck-rabbit	Doe-rabbit
Cock-sparrow	Hen-sparrow
Jack-ass	Jenny-ass
He-goat	She-goat
Bull-calf	Cow-calf

## By adding 'ess' to the masculine

Masculine	Feminine
Host	Hostess
God	Goddess
Lion	Lioness
Author	Authoress
Poet	Poetess
Giant	Giantess
Mayor	Mayoress

## By adding ess and omitting the vowel of the last syllable of the masculine:

Masculine	Feminine
Actor	Actress
Hunter	Huntress
Emperor	Empress
Murderer	Murdress
Director	Directress
Inspector	Inspectress

Country name for geographical unit= Neuter gender

Looking at the globe we see China here.

but if personified or political or economic use, use feminine gender.

America is proud of her scientists.

India is a vast country. Her social and political condition is different from others.

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