Masculine and Feminine words. Looking at gender.

Some nouns are Some nouns are feminine Some nouns can be masculine or feminine
e.g man e.g woman e.g baby

Task One

Look at this list of nouns.

Boy uncle cousin son child Mother daughter aunt person girl Father toddler grandfather grandmother Grandchild

You must write the nouns in your books under the correct heading.

Masculine Feminine Masculine or Feminine

Task Two

Certain animals have different names depending on whether they are male (masculine) or female (feminine). An example of this is fox (male) and vixen (female) Look at this list of animals.

Peacock drake COW SOW Stallion billy bitch boar Goose duck bull doe Deer peahen gander nanny Buck dog mare stag

You must use a dictionary and your own knowledge to put these animals under the following headings.

Male (masculine)

Female (feminine)

Male (masculine) Female (feminine)

Task Three

Titles of people are often separated into masculine and feminine titles. Some are neutral titles; they can refer to a man or a woman.

For example, chairman (masc.)

Chairwoman (fem.)

Chairperson (neutral)

Look at this list of titles.

Nurse headmistress baroness lord Police officer queen duke lady Headmaster duchess doctor baron

Prince king policeman Headteacher princess policewoman

List the titles under these headings.

Masculine Feminine Neutral

Extension

Change the masculine nouns in these sentences into feminine nouns.

- 1. My father has two sons.
- 2. The twin babies are brothers.
- 3. A king's son is a prince.
- 4. The boy helped the old man across the road.
- 5. Grandfather Jones is my uncle's father.