

## Noun and adjective gender

In English, nouns and adjectives are neither masculine or feminine. English nouns and, especially adjectives, have no gender. The few exceptions are *waiter* and *waitress* and *actor* or *actress*.

In Spanish it is *el lapiz* and *la mesa*. In English it is *the pencil* and *the table*.

In Spanish it is *un perro bonito* and *una casa bonita*. In English it is *a pretty dog* and *a pretty house*.

However, gender is sometimes shown by different forms or different words when referring to people or animals.

**Task 1: Discuss if there's a specific gender for these words in your language.**

people   children   water   sun   radio   sea

**Task 2: Write the feminine of these nouns. Use a dictionary if necessary.**

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| 1. father _____ | 6. brother _____   |
| 2. boy _____    | 7. son _____       |
| 3. man _____    | 8. king _____      |
| 4. nephew _____ | 9. husband _____   |
| 5. bull _____   | 10. stallion _____ |

**Task 3: Mark the mistakes in the sentences and write the correct word. Use a dictionary if necessary.**

1. Prince Diana died in a car accident. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Titanic sank when he hit an iceberg. \_\_\_\_\_
3. My niece is named Paul. \_\_\_\_\_
4. His grandpa is a very wealthy woman. \_\_\_\_\_