



Boys and girls come out to play

CAPS Statement

Language Structures & Conventions:

Uses the gender forms of some nouns (e.g. cow/bull)

Note

In English, nouns (naming words) can be divided into different groups:

Feminine nouns: are alive and female e.g. *woman, actress, girl, cow*

Masculine nouns: are alive and male e.g. *man, actor, boy, bull*

Common nouns: are alive and could be male or female e.g. *teacher, parent, singer, clown*

Neuter nouns: are not alive and are not male or female e.g. *table, road, window, book*

Activity 1

All in the family. Using words from the word well, fill in the missing masculine or feminine partner for each of these family members. The first one has been done for you.

brother	step-mother	uncle	Mrs	uncle
father-in-law	husband	bride	son	

Feminine Nouns	Masculine Nouns
wife	husband
	nephew
daughter	
	Mr
aunt	
	bridegroom
sister	
	step-father
mother-in-law	



Activity 2

Using words from the word well, fill in the missing masculine or feminine partner. The first one has been done for you.

lioness	mare	bull	hen	doe
goose	ram	boar	jack	

Feminine Nouns	Masculine Nouns
lioness	lion
cow	
	Rooster
eve	
	stallion
sow	
	buck
jenny	
	gander

Teacher Tip

Begin by ensuring learners know what *nouns* (naming words) are. Explain these four groups of nouns (*feminine, masculine, common, neuter*). Then explain that this lesson will concentrate on masculine and feminine nouns only.

