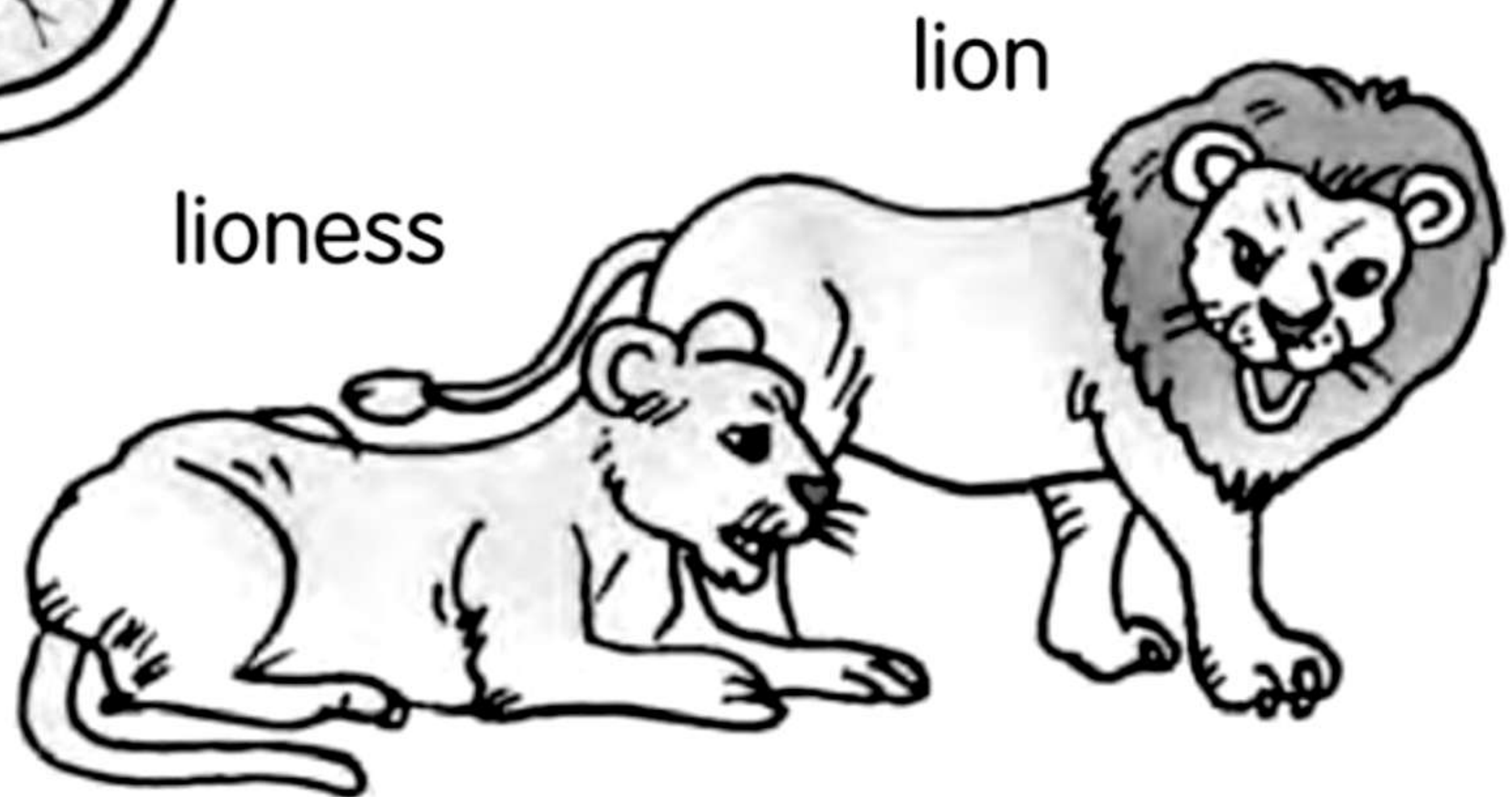
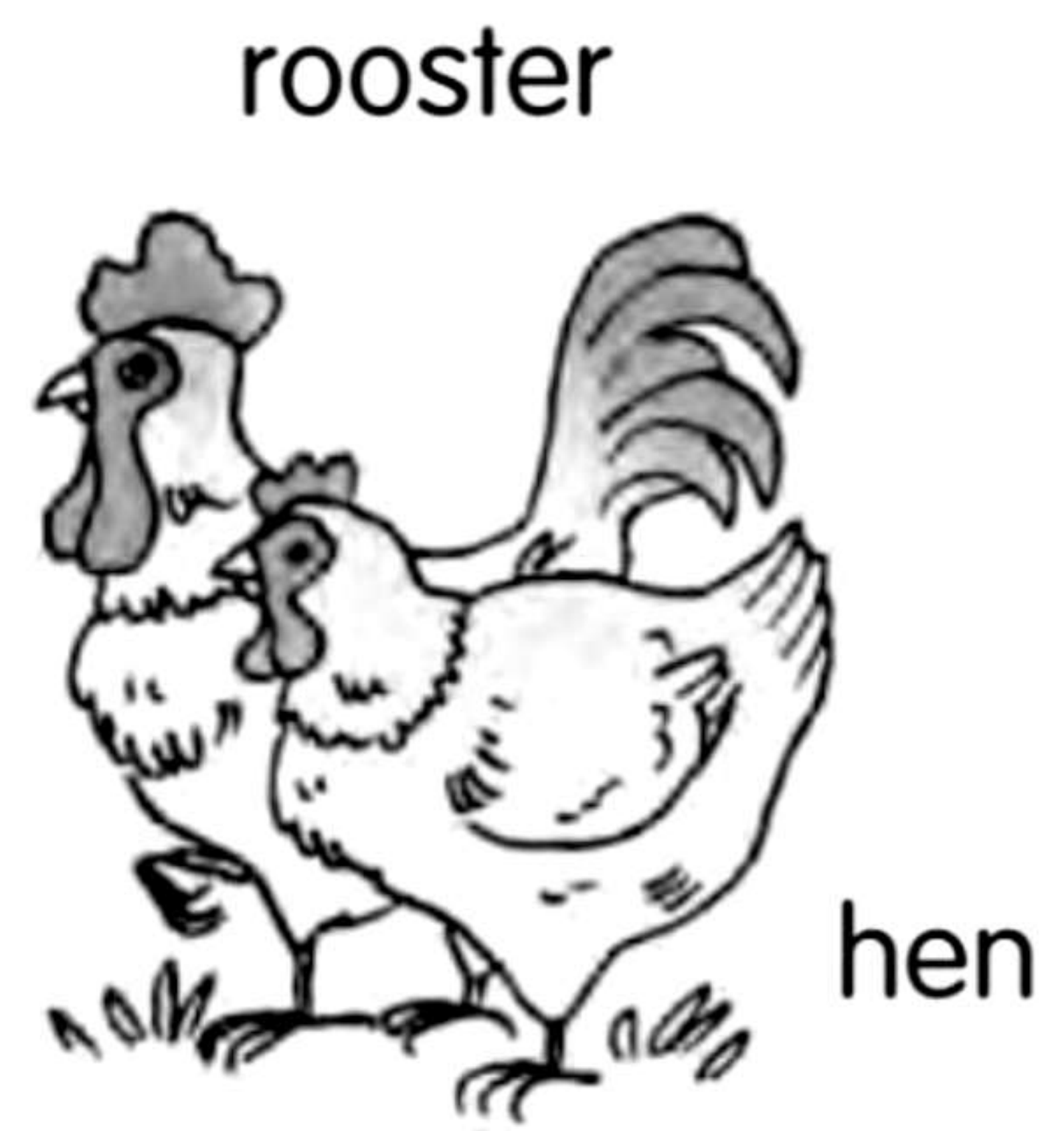
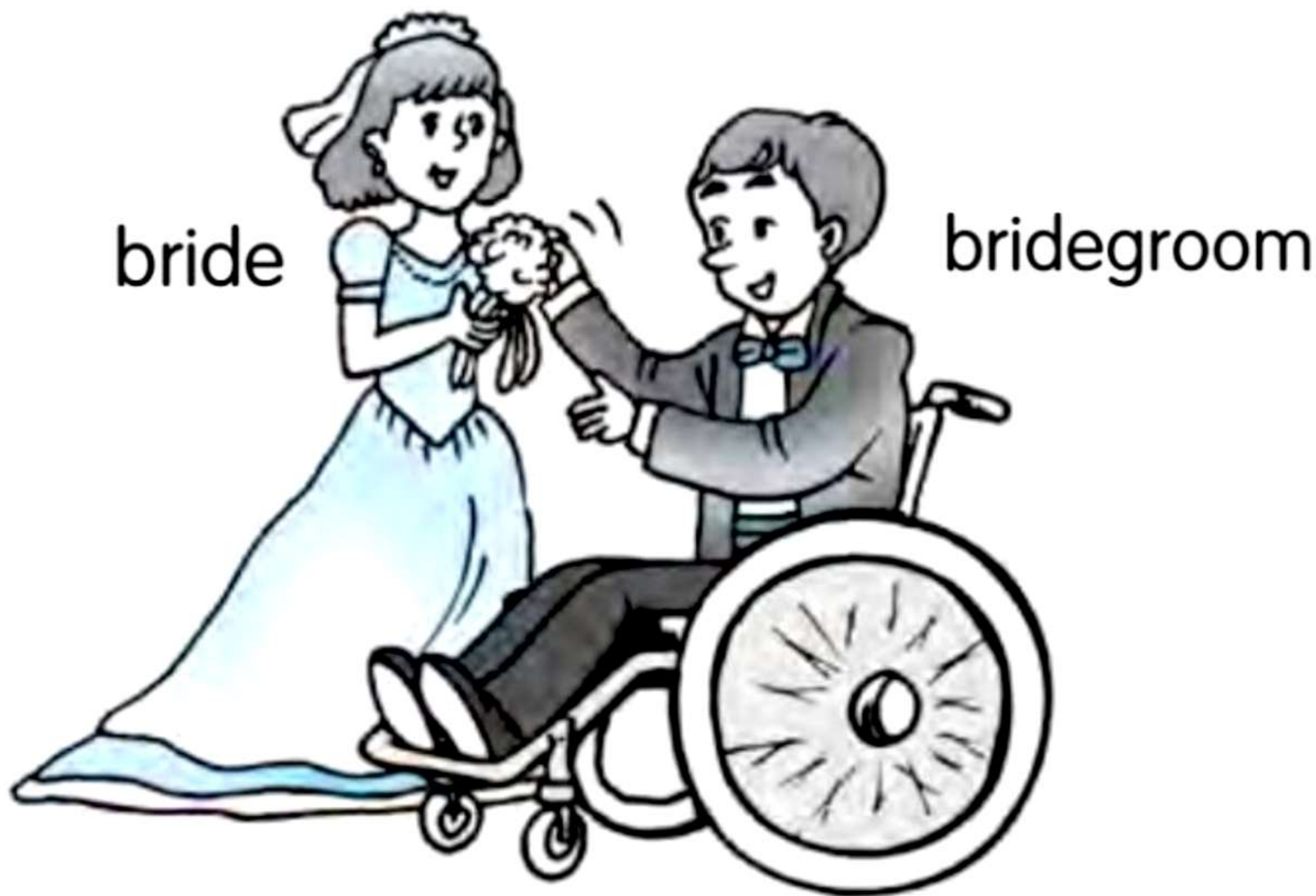


Masculine and Feminine Nouns

Masculine nouns are words for men and boys, and male animals.

Feminine nouns are words for women and girls, and female animals.



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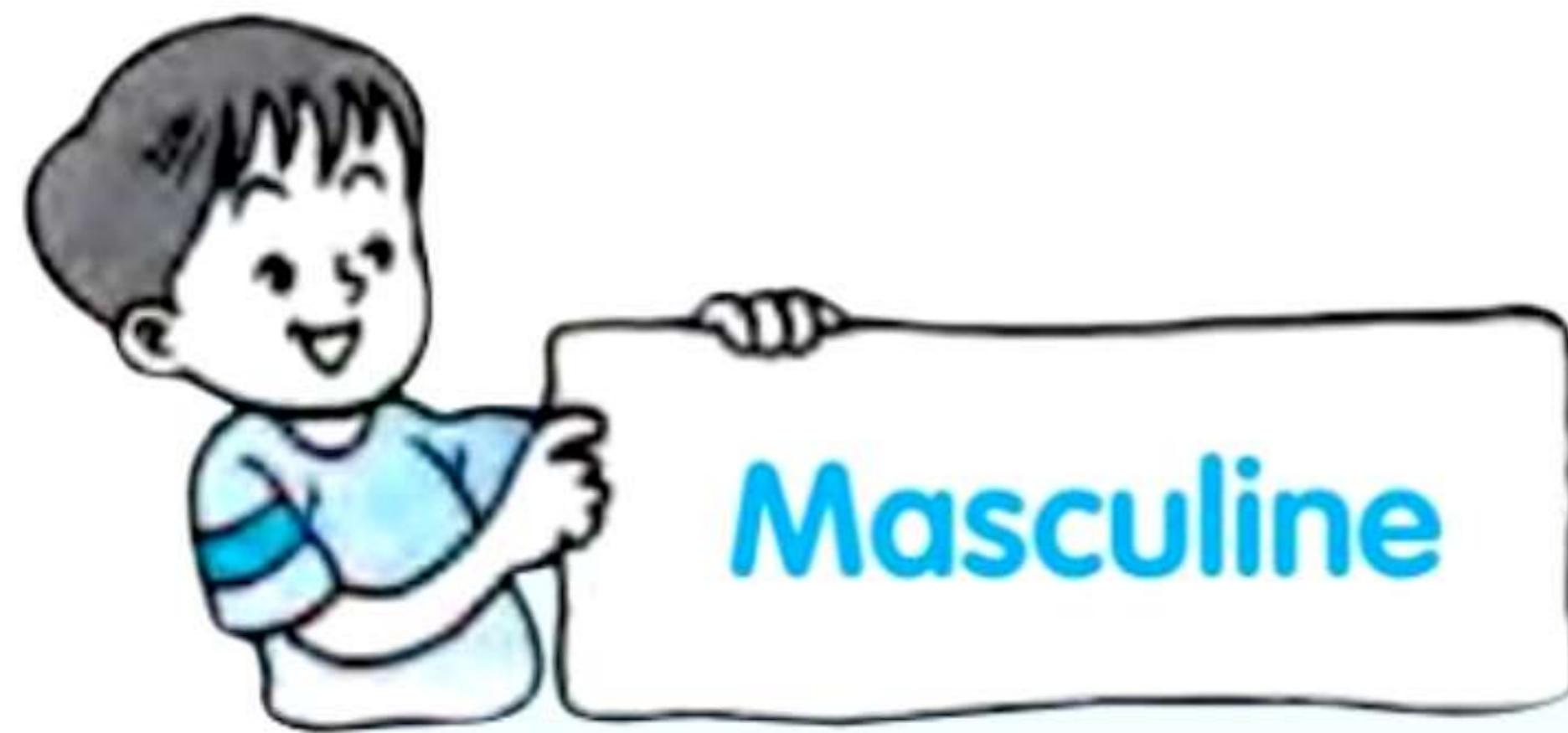
Masculine

boy
man
prince
steward
waiter

Feminine

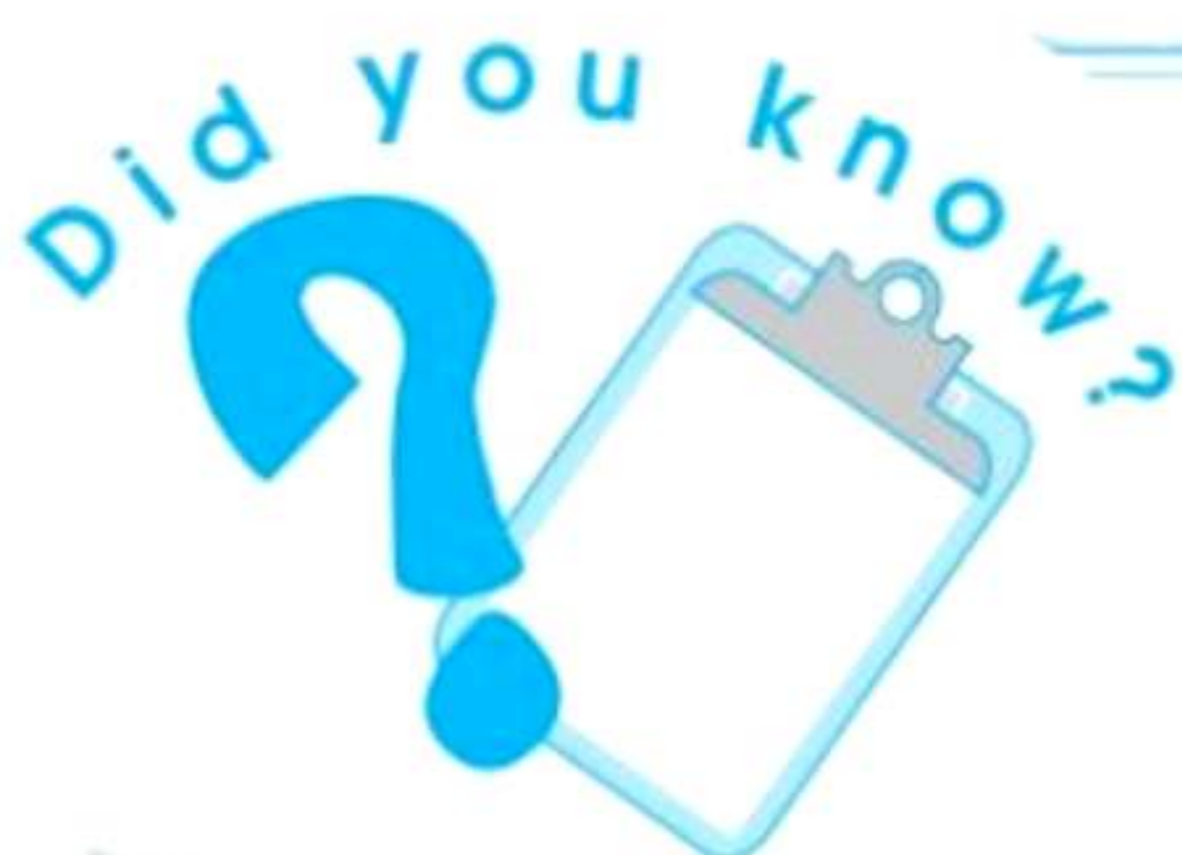
girl
woman
princess
stewardess
waitress

Here are some more masculine and feminine nouns for people.



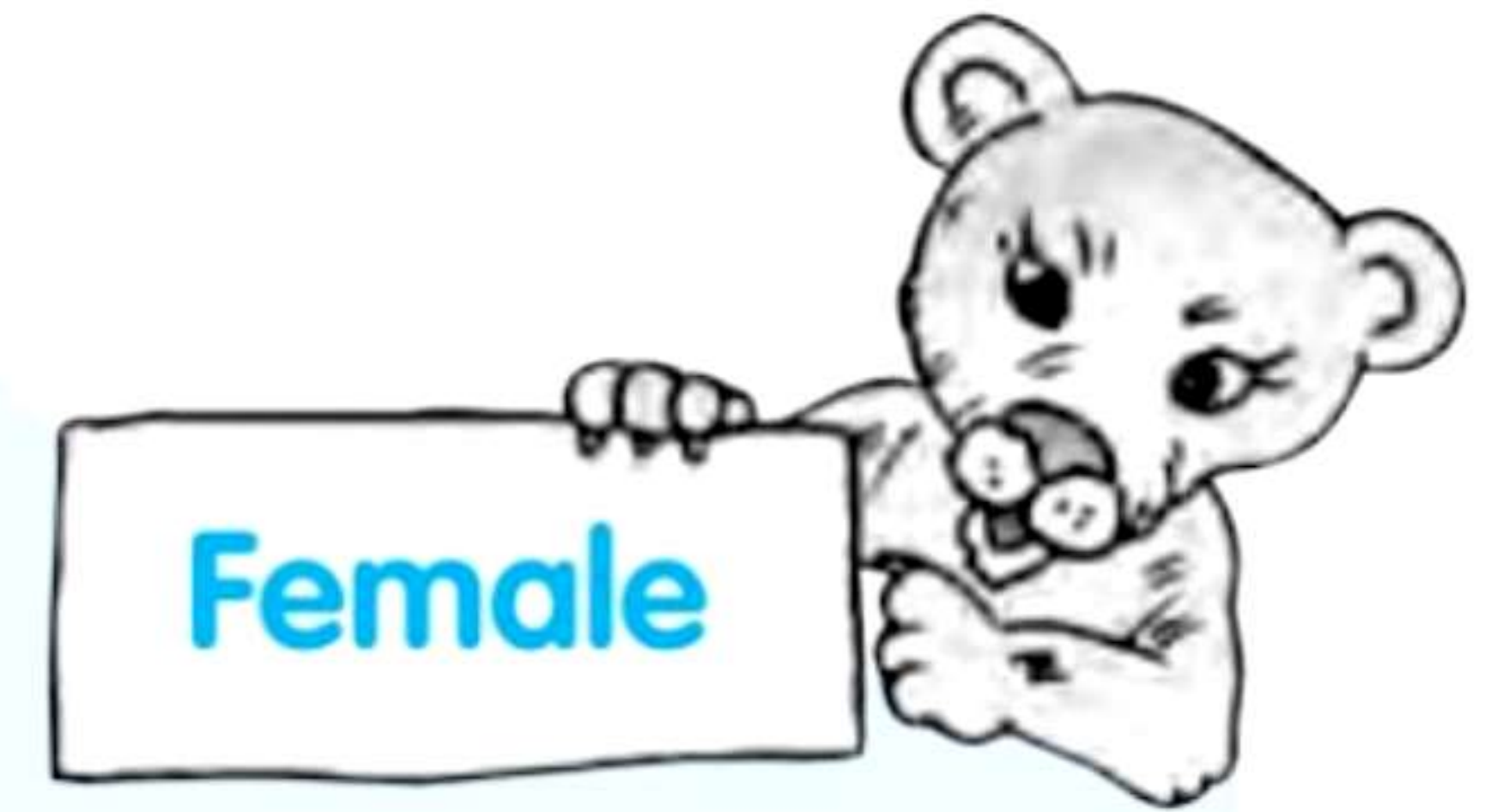
actor
brother
emperor
father
gentleman
grandfather
grandson
headmaster
man
master
nephew
prince
son
steward
uncle
wizard

actress
sister
empress
mother
lady
grandmother
granddaughter
headmistress
woman
mistress
niece
princess
daughter
stewardess
aunt
witch



Masculine nouns belong to the **masculine gender**.
Feminine nouns belong to the **feminine gender**.

Here are some masculine and feminine nouns for male and female animals.



Animal

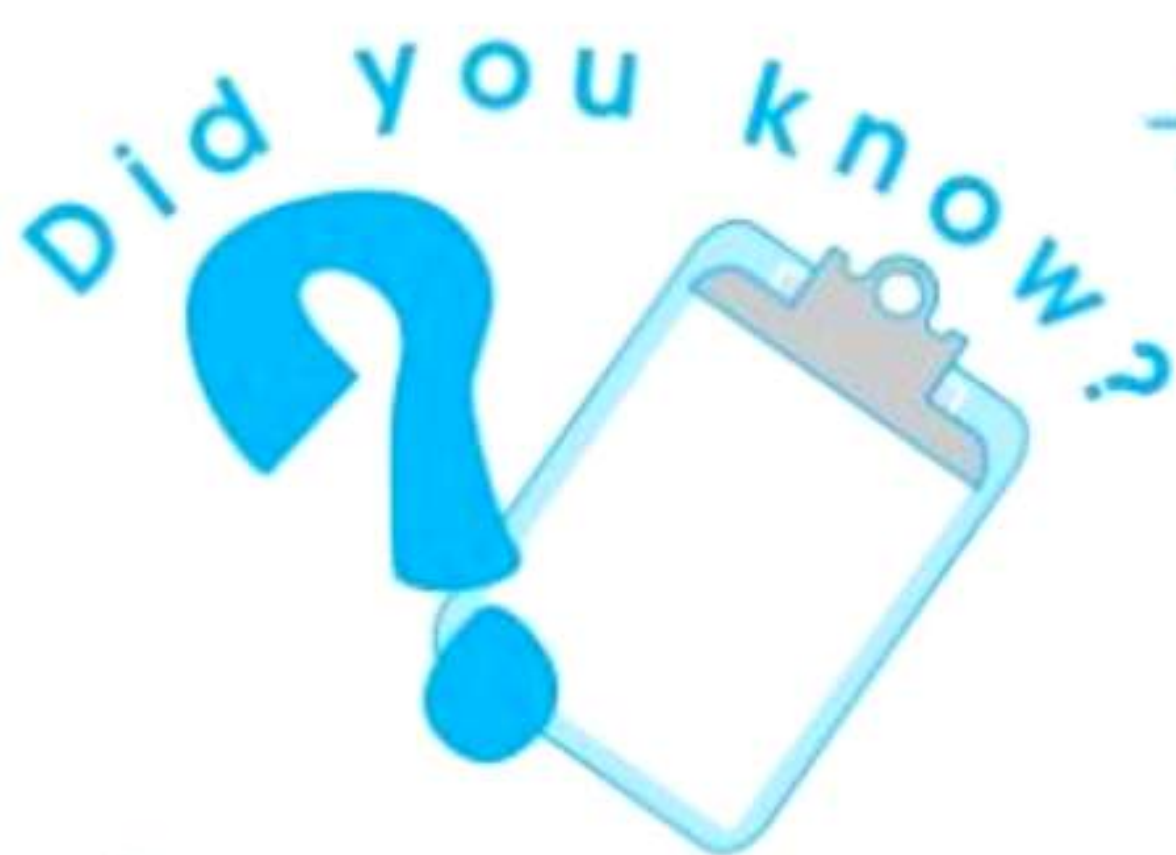
chicken
cattle
deer
donkey
duck
fox
goose
horse
lion
sheep
tiger

Male

rooster
bull
buck
jack
drake
fox
gander
stallion
lion
ram
tiger

Female

hen
cow
doe
jenny
duck
vixen
goose
mare
lioness
ewe
tigress



Nouns that end in **-ess** and **-ress** often belong to the feminine gender. For example:

act**ress**
lion**ess**
princ**ess**

steward**ess**
tig**ress**
wait**ress**

Many nouns are used for both males and females.



doctors



dancers



scientists



hairdressers

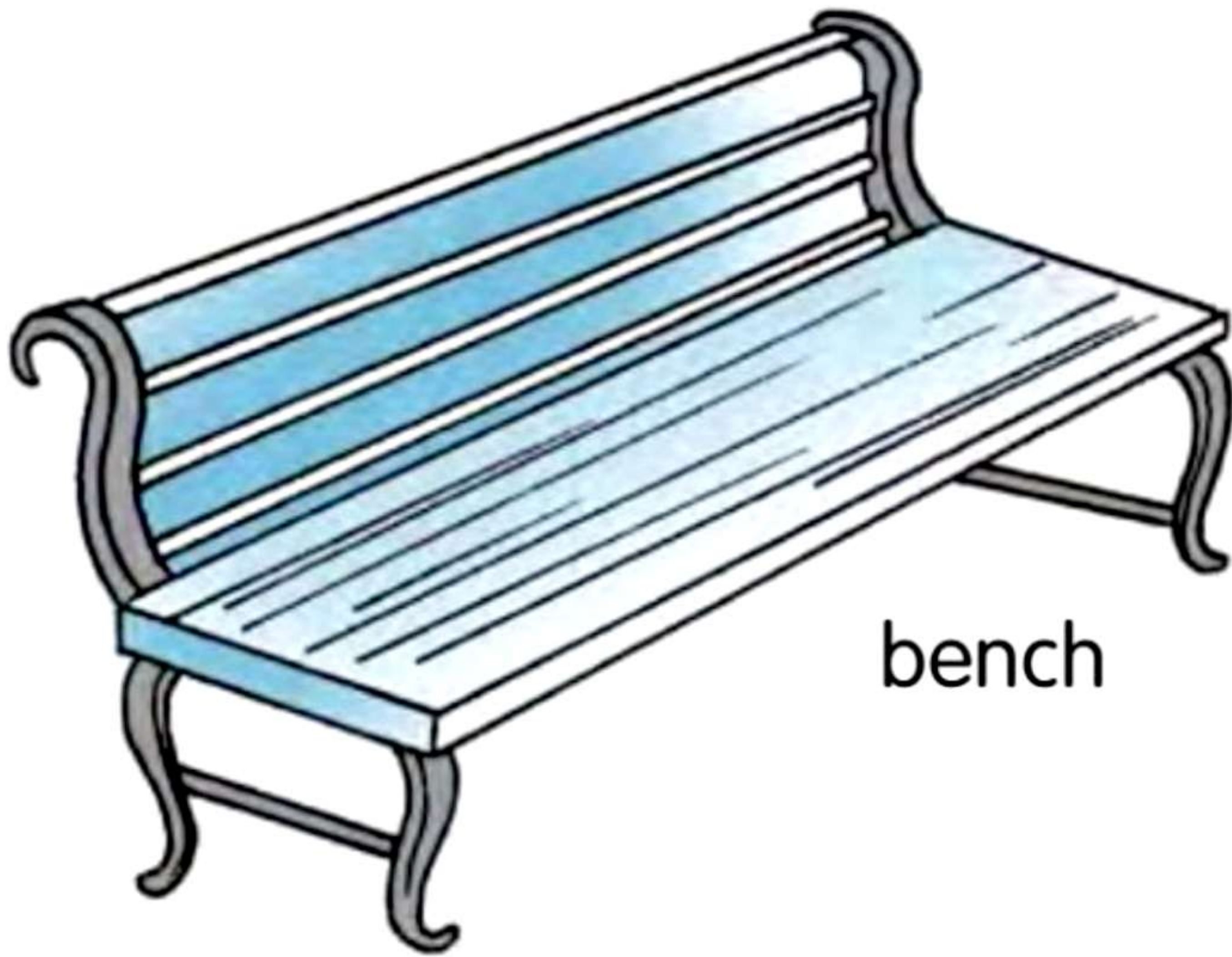
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Nouns like these are used for both males and females:

accountants	parents
artists	managers
designers	pupils
engineers	singers
lawyers	teachers

We call these nouns **common-gender** nouns.

Words for things that are neither male nor female are called **neuter nouns**.



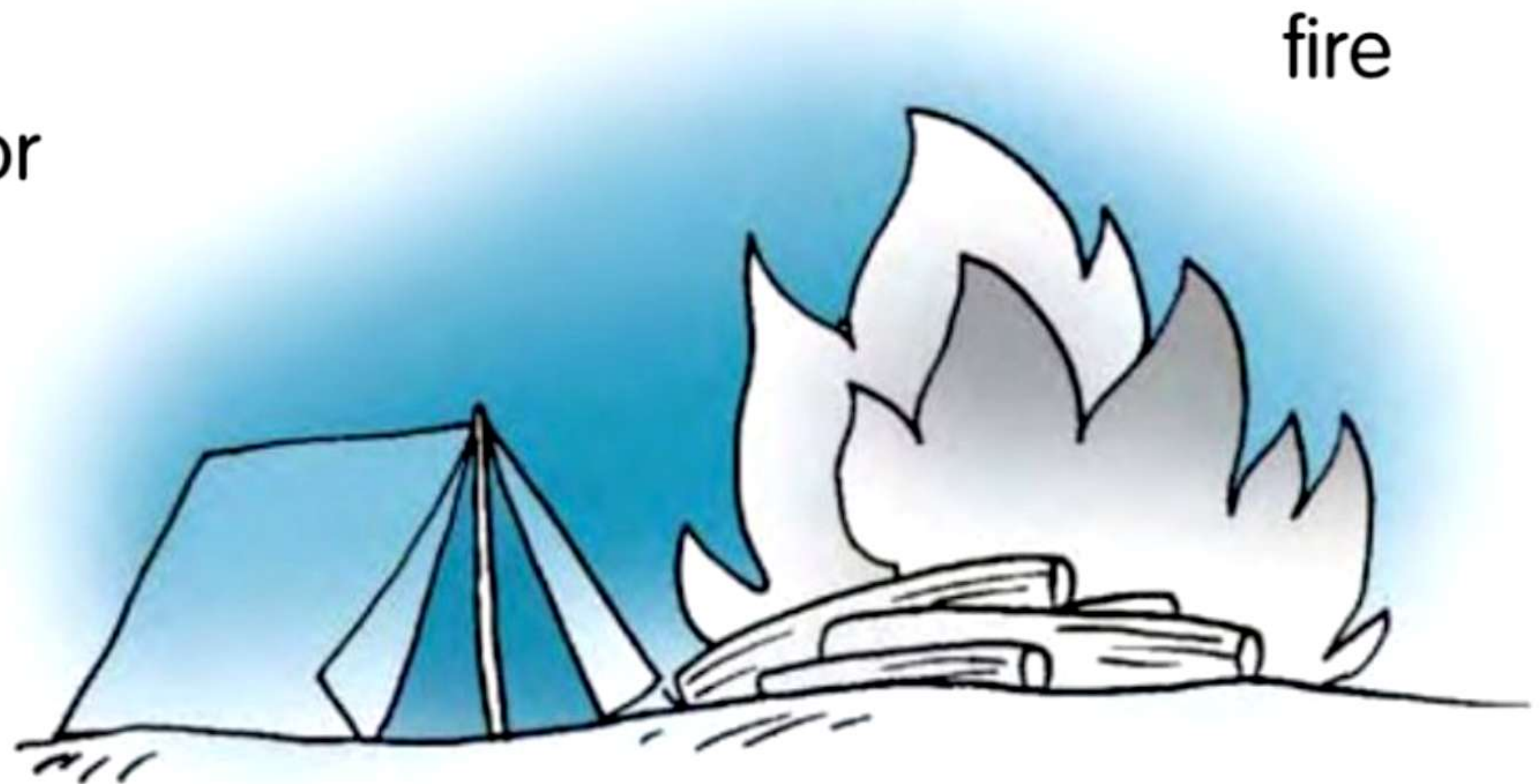
bench



leaves



mirror



fire



waterfall

Word File

Here are some neuter nouns:

ball	forest
building	gymnasium
broom	playground
cake	rock
computer	sky
card	socks
floor	wind

Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks with the correct *masculine* or *feminine* nouns.

Masculine

Feminine

- | | | |
|----|---------|---------|
| 1 | master | _____ |
| 2 | uncle | _____ |
| 3 | _____ | niece |
| 4 | _____ | lioness |
| 5 | tiger | _____ |
| 6 | _____ | empress |
| 7 | husband | _____ |
| 8 | son | _____ |
| 9 | _____ | mother |
| 10 | _____ | madam |

Exercise 2

Fill in each blank with a suitable *masculine* or *feminine* noun.

- 1 The host and the _____ welcomed their guests.
- 2 The steward and the _____ look after the passengers on the plane.
- 3 My uncle and _____ lived in Nebraska.
- 4 The king and the _____ had two children, a boy and a _____. The prince was eight and the _____ was five.
- 5 Ladies and _____, welcome to our party this evening.

Exercise 3

Look at the words in the box. Write each word under its correct heading.

children	sun	witch	king
boy	son	father	girl
mother	queen	file	teacher
lamp	doctor	dancer	wizard
ram	rooster	elf	fish

Masculine

Feminine

Common Gender

Neuter
