

3. Prefix *he* or *she*, *male* or *female* ; as, a *he-goat*, a *she-goat* ; a *male-servant*, a *female-servant*.

4. Affix *cock* or *hen* ; as, a *pea-cock*, a *pea-hen*, &c.

The following nouns do not form their feminine according to the above rules :

I. MALE AND FEMALE BY TOTALLY DIFFERENT WORDS.

Bachelor, spinster or maid ; boy, girl ; brother, sister ; bull, cow ; buck, doe ; colt, filly ; cock, hen ; drake, duck ; earl, countess ; father, mother ; friar or monk, nun ; gander, goose ; gentleman, lady ; hart, roe ; horse, mare ; husband, wife ; king, queen ; lad, lass ; lord, lady ; man, woman ; master, mistress ; nephew, niece ; ram, ewe ; son, daughter ; stag, hind ; singer, songstress or singer ; sir, madam ; uncle, aunt ; wizard, witch.

II. IRREGULAR TERMINATIONS.

Abbot, abbess ; beau, belle ; bridegroom, bride ; caterer, cateress ; czar, czarina ; don, donna ; duke, duchess ; emperor, empress ; hero, heroine ; infant, infanta ; landgrave, landgravine ; margrave, margravine ; marquis, marchioness ; monsieur, madame ; sorcerer, sorceress ; sultan, sultana ; signor, signora ; widower, widow.

[Some nouns are used *only in the feminine* ; as, *virago*, *shrew*, *syren*, *amazon*, *brunette*, &c. Other nouns may belong to *either gender* ; as, *child*, *cousin*, *parent*, *friend*, *infant*, *partner*, *relative*, &c.

The masculine is sometimes used for *both sexes* or *genders* ; as, "God made *man*," meaning *all mankind*.]