

> A. Put the following words into the correct column below.

	Female	Both	Male
husband			
sibling			
man			
niece			
sister			
wife			
his			
aunt			
groom			
she			
cousin			
he			
child			
son			
daughter			
master			
nephew			
bride			
uncle			
spouse			
brother			
him			
her			

> B. Read the following story and answer this question: Who is the surgeon?

One day, a father was driving his son to school when they were both badly injured in an accident and had to go to hospital. The doctors at the hospital decided that the boy needed to have an operation at once, so the surgeon was called. A few minutes later, the surgeon arrived, looked at the boy and said, "I can't operate on this boy – he's my son!"

> C. Write the politically correct (PC) version of the words below.

Fireman	Firewoman	.....
Policeman	Policewoman	.....
Actor	Actress	.....
Air steward	Air stewardess	.....
Chairman	Chairwoman	.....
Waiter	Waitress	.....

> D. Make changes to the following sentences so that they are politically correct.

- Every exam candidate must switch off his mobile phone.
- Let me introduce you to my new neighbour and his wife.
- If the consumer is not satisfied with the product he may return it within 28 days.
- A leopard cannot change his spots.
- Someone stole my car last night. I hope the police arrest him soon.
- Darwin claimed that man evolved from apes.
- A child cannot usually write until he is approximately five years old.

> E. Answer the questions with your partner.

- George Eliot, the 19th century British author was actually a woman. True or False?
- The first country to give women the vote (in 1893) was a) Australia b) New Zealand c) Canada
- Women live longer than men. True or False?
- Men's brains are larger than women's. T or F?
- Some women avoid using the title Miss or Mrs and use what instead? a) Lady b) Madam c) Ms
- Who said, "All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That is his."? a) Shakespeare b) Oscar Wilde c) Prince Charles

> F. Discuss the following questions with your partner.

- Are some jobs too dangerous or difficult for women to do? Does your country employ women fire fighters, soldiers etc? Do you think women should be allowed to do jobs like these?
- In your opinion, why are so many successful artists, chefs and racing drivers (etc.) men? Why aren't there more women in these fields?
- Generally speaking, what do women tend to be better at than men? Why?
- Generally speaking, what do men tend to be better at than women? Why?
- In some countries/schools girls are educated separately from boys. What are the advantages and disadvantages of single-sex education?
- Do you think that children should receive sex education classes at school?
- How have the roles of men and women in society changed over the last fifty years?
- How do you think the roles of men and women in society will change over the next fifty years?
- In what ways, do you think, the world would be different if more world leaders were women?
- To what extent do you agree that 'platonic friendships between men and women are impossible'?
- Do you think men and women should have equal opportunities and rights? Why (not)?

> G. Some languages give nouns a gender, including nouns for new inventions. So, should 'computer' be masculine or feminine? Read the humorous reasons below and decide which gender they support.

no one understands their internal logic! as soon as you choose one you have to spend a lot of money on accessories for it! they can store a lot of data but are still unable to think for themselves! they are meant to help you solve problems but usually they are the problem! no one understands the language they use to communicate with each other! as soon as you choose one you invariably find a better one! when you make a mistake it is stored in the memory for ever! in order to make them do anything at all to help you, you have to turn them on!

> H. Discuss the following traditional saying.

Men make houses, women make homes.