

LECTURE 4

Supplementary material

1. Additional vocabulary
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Section 1

ADDITIONAL VOCABULARY

Профессия	profession
Работа	job/work

**Common professions that only have Masculine forms
(refer to both men and women)**

Композитор	composer
Историк	historian
Психолог	psychologist
Секретарь	secretary
Физик	physicist
Философ	philosopher
Химик	chemist
Директор	director
Политик	politician
Президент	president
Экономист	economist
Юрист	lawyer
Врач(synonym of доктор)	doctor
Инженер	engineer
Экскурсовод	guide
Дизайнер	designer

Дипломат	diplomat
Программист	programmer
Менеджер	manager
Математик	mathematician

Common professions that have both masculine and feminine forms:

Masculine	Feminine	
Официант	официантка	waiter
Артист	артистка	artist
Писатель	писательница	writer
Спортсмен	спортсменка	sportsman
Студент	студентка	student
Переводчик	переводчица	translator
Преподаватель	преподавательница	university teacher
Учитель	учительница	school teacher
Журналист	журналистка	journalist

*As you can see, we turn masculine professions into feminine by using certain suffixes such as **к**, **иц**, **ниц** and the ending **а** to indicate the feminine gender.

** “suffix” is a syllable that is added to the main part of a word called the “root”.

***Please note that some professions do have conversational feminine forms (i.e. “докторша”, but they do not tend to be used in formal context and could be considered impolite)

Specific terminology:

Женский	feminine
Мужской	masculine
Средний	neuter
Род	gender

Мно́жественное число́	plural
Еди́нственное число́	singular
Местоиме́ние	pronoun
Существи́тельное	noun

Section 2

GENDER EXCEPTIONS

Some words that describe a masculine concept have feminine endings and some words with feminine endings are treated as neuter words. There are not too many of these and we will think of them in terms of the appropriate concept, but grammatically we will treat them depending on their ending.

Here are the most common ones:

И́мя	first name	Neuter
Вре́мя	time	Neuter
Па́па	dad	Feminine
Дя́дя	uncle	Feminine
Де́душка	granddad	Feminine
Мужчи́на	man	Feminine