

masculine, and is the only one which we now use in forming a new feminine noun.

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### **Masculine -- Feminine**

Hero -- heroine

Testator -- testatrix

Czar -- czarina

Sultan -- sultana

Signor -- signora

Fox -- vixen

(3) By placing a word before or after; as,

### **Masculine -- Feminine**

Grandfather -- grandmother

Greatuncle -- greataunt

Manservant -- maidservant

Landlord -- landlady

milkman -- milkwoman

peacock -- peahen

salesman -- saleswoman

washerman -- washerwoman

## **CHAPTER 7**

### ***THE NOUN: NUMBER***

30. Notice the change of form in the second word of each pair:

Tree (Box, Fox, Man)

Trees (Boxes, Oxen, Men)

The first word of each pair denotes one thing, the second word of each pair denotes more than one.

A Noun that denotes one person or thing, is said to be in the Singular Number; as,

Boy, girl, cow, bird, tree, book, pen.

A Noun that denotes more than one person or thing, is said to be in the Plural Number; as,

Boys, girls, cows, birds, trees, books, pens.

Thus there are two Numbers in English-the Singular and the Plural. A

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### ***How Plurals are Formed***

31. (i) The Plural of nouns is generally formed by adding -s to the singular ; as,

boy, boys;

pen, pens;