

woman[ˈwʊmən] *n* (*pl* women)

1. женщина

young woman - а) молодая женщина; б) девушка

little woman - а) маленькая женщина (о девочке); б) девочка (моя) (в обращении к девушке); в) *ласк.* жёнушка

single woman - незамужняя (женщина)

the new woman - а) современная женщина; б) *уст.* эмансипированная женщина (о суфражистках и т. п.)

a woman of fashion - светская женщина; модница

a woman of quality - знатная дама

a woman of pleasure - женщина лёгкого поведения

a woman of the town /of the street(s)/ - проститутка

the strange woman - *библ.* блудница

a woman of the house - хозяйка дома

a woman of the world - а) женщина, знающая людей и жизнь /умудрённая опытом/; женщина, знающая, как нужно вести себя;

б) светская женщина

there is a woman in it - здесь замешана женщина

woman's man - дамский угодник, волокита

woman's wit - женский инстинкт, женская интуиция

woman's reason - *преим. ирон.* женская логика2. *собир.* женщины, женский пол

woman is weaker than man - женщины слабее мужчин

man born of woman - смертный

3. *презр.* баба (о мужчине)

to play the woman - вести себя как баба

4. (the woman) типичная женщина; воплощение женственности, женского начала

there is something of the woman in his character - в его характере есть что-тоженское

it's the woman in her - сказывается то, что она женщина; в ней говорит женщина

there is little of the woman in her - в ней мало женственности

5. 1) *диал.* жена

2) любовница

3) приятельница (*юноши, мужчины*)6. женщина какой-л. профессии (*обыкн. в сочетаниях*)

woman doctor - женщина-врач

council woman - женщина - член совета

woman worker - работница

woman servant - домашняя работница служанка

7. работница служанка

two women to help in the kitchen - две женщины для работы на кухне

she sent one of her women - она послала одну из своих служанок

the Queen and her women - королева со своими фрейлинами

◇ old woman - а) старая женщина; старушка; *пренебр.* старуха; б) моя старуха (о жене); в) *пренебр.* старая баба (*часто о мужчине*)**woman**

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woman [woman women] *BrE* ['wʊmən] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['wʊmən] ^ˈ noun (pl.women *BrE* ['wɪmɪn] ^ˈ ; *NAmE* ['wɪmɪn] ^ˈ)1. **countable** an adult female human

- men, women and children
- a 24-year-old woman
- I prefer to see a woman doctor.
- women drivers

2. **uncountable** female humans in general: (*informal*) She's all woman! (= has qualities that are typical of women)3. **countable** (in compounds) a woman who comes from the place mentioned or whose job or interest is connected with the thing mentioned

- an Englishwoman
- a businesswoman
- a Congresswoman
- a horsewoman

4. **countable** a female worker, especially one who works with her hands

- We used to have a woman to do the cleaning.

5. **singular** (old-fashioned) a rude way of addressing a female person in an angry or important way

- Be quiet, woman!

6. **countable** (sometimes disapproving) a wife or sexual partner

- He's got a new woman in his life.

see also ↑fallen woman, ↑kept woman, ↑other woman**more at** a man/woman after your own heart **at** ↑heart, hell hath no fury (like a woman scorned) **at** ↑hell, make an honest woman ofsb **at** ↑honest, the man (and/or woman) in the street **at** ↑man _{n.}, a man/woman of (many) parts **at** ↑part _{n.}, like a man/womanpossessed **at** ↑possessed, a man/woman of substance **at** ↑substance, a man/woman of the world **at** ↑world**Idiom:** ↑your own man

Word Origin:

Old English wifmon, -man (see ↑wife, ↑man), a formation peculiar to English, the ancient word being ↑wife.

More About:

gender

Ways of talking about men and women

When you are writing or speaking English it is important to use language that includes both men and women equally. Some people may be very offended if you do not. [The human race](#)

Man and **mankind** have traditionally been used to mean 'all men and women'. Many people now prefer to use humanity, the human race, human beings or people. [Jobs](#)

The suffix -ess in names of occupations such as actress, hostess and waitress shows that the person doing the job is a woman. Many people now avoid these. Instead you can use actor or host, (although actress and hostess are still very common) or a neutral word, such as **server** for [waiter](#) and [waitress](#).

Neutral words like assistant, worker, person or officer are now often used instead of -man or -woman in the names of jobs. For example, you can use police officer instead of [policeman](#) or [policewoman](#), and spokesperson instead of [spokesman](#) or [spokeswoman](#). Neutral words are very common in newspapers, on television and radio and in official writing, in both *BrE* and *NAmE*.

When talking about jobs that are traditionally done by the other sex, some people say: a male secretary/nurse/model (NOT man) or a woman/female doctor/barrister/driver. However this is now not usually used unless you need to emphasize which sex the person is, or it is still unusual for the job to be done by a man/woman: ▫ My daughter prefers to see a woman doctor. ◇ ▫ They have a male nanny for their kids. ◇ ▫ a female racing driver [Pronouns](#)

He used to be considered to cover both men and women: ▫ Everyone needs to feel he is loved. This is not now acceptable.

Instead, after everybody, everyone, anybody, anyone, somebody, someone, etc. one of the plural pronouns they, them, and their is often used: ▫ Does everybody know what they want? ◇ ▫ Somebody's left their coat here. ◇ ▫ I hope nobody's forgotten to bring their passport with them.

Some people prefer to use he or she, his or her, or him or her in speech and writing: ▫ Everyone knows what's best for him or herself. He/she or (s)he can also be used in writing: ▫ If in doubt, ask your doctor. He/she can give you more information. (You may find that some writers just use 'she'.) These uses can seem awkward when they are used a lot. It is better to try to change the sentence, using a plural noun. Instead of saying: ▫ A baby cries when he or she is tired you can say ▫ Babies cry when they are tired.

Example Bank:

- Jean Menkes plays the president's wife and Fiona Handley plays the other woman.
- Older women often have difficulty conceiving.
- She was the 'other woman' in this family drama= the one the husband was having an affair with.
- The freedom to wear trousers became a symbol of women's liberation.
- The little girl she remembered was now a grown woman.
- The thief tricked his way into an elderly woman's home.
- There were important changes in the position of women in society.
- We want to change the way women are depicted in the media.
- Women are limited to the more poorly paid jobs.
- Women are reduced to merely playing a passive role.
- a United Nations report on violence against women
- a hostel for battered women
- a professor of women's studies
- highly educated women who are successful in business
- Alcohol affects men and women differently.
- The drug carries a warning against use by pregnant women.
- Two elderly women were sat at the next table.

woman

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[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑woman, ↑womanhood, ↑womankind, ↑womanizer, ↑womanizing, ↑womanliness; **adjective**: ↑womanly, ↑womanish; **verb**: ↑womanize]

[**Language**: Old English; **Origin**: wifman, from wif (⇨ ↑wife) + man '[person](#)']

1. FEMALE PERSON [countable] an adult female person:

- " I was talking to a woman I met on the flight.
- " married women
- " a popular women's magazine
- " When a woman is pregnant, the levels of hormones in her body change.

woman priest/doctor etc (=a priest etc who is a woman)

- " Ireland's first woman president
- " women artists

2. ANY WOMAN [singular] *formal* women in general:

- " A woman's work is never done (=used to say that women have a lot to do).

3. businesswoman/spokeswoman etc a woman who has a particular kind of job:

- " Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher

4. another woman/the other woman *informal* a woman that a man is having a sexual relationship with, even though he is married

to someone else:

" I'm sure he's got another woman.

5. **be your own woman** to make your own decisions and be in charge of your own life, without depending on anyone else

6. **PARTNER** [singular] *spoken* a word meaning a wife or girlfriend, which many women find offensive:

" Did he bring his new woman with him? ⇒ **↑kept woman**

7. **FORM OF ADDRESS** [uncountable] *old-fashioned not polite* a rude way of speaking to a woman when you are angry, annoyed etc

8. **SERVANT** [countable] a female servant or person who does cleaning work for you in your house ⇒ **cleaner**, **daily help**

⇒ **↑old woman**, ⇒ **make an honest woman (out) of somebody** at **↑honest**(8), ⇒ **be a woman of the world** at **↑world**¹(21)

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- **woman** a female adult person: a young woman with dark brown hair
- **lady** a polite word for a woman – used especially when you do not know the woman, or when the person you are talking to does not know the woman: A glass of white wine please, for this lady here. | The young lady stood up and shook my hand.
- **girl** a young female person – usually used about someone younger than about twenty: a very pretty girl | teenage girls
- **female** *formal* a woman – used especially when you are giving information about women, for example in formal surveys and reports: Females account for 46% of Internet users.

■ relating to women

- **female** relating to women or girls: female voters | Advertisers try to sell things by using images of the female body.
- **feminine** used about qualities that are considered to be typical of women: You must not cry or show any other feminine weakness. | the ideal of feminine beauty
- **womanly** behaving, dressing etc in a way that is thought to be typical of or suitable for a woman – used to show approval: her womanly figure | the womanly virtues of compassion and patience
- **girly/girlie** *informal* behaving or dressing in a way that is thought to be typical of young girls, or suitable for a girl – often used disapprovingly: Stop being so girly! It's only a mouse! | a very girlie pink dress
- **effeminate** *disapproving* a man who is effeminate looks or behaves like a woman: His long blonde hair made him look rather effeminate. | a pale effeminate-looking young man

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