

**feminine**

1. [ˈfemɪnɪn] *n*
  - 1) женщина
  - 2) олицетворениеженственности  
the eternal feminine - вечно женственное; вечная женственность
  - 3) *грам.* женский род
2. [ˈfemɪnɪn] *a*
  1. женский, свойственный женщинам  
feminine voice - женский голос  
feminine modesty [curiosity] - женская скромность [-ое любопытств]в  
feminine society - женское общество
  2. женоподобный
  3. *грам. , стих.* женский  
feminine gender - женский род  
feminine noun - существительное женского рода  
feminine rhyme - женская рифма

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**femi·nine** adjective, noun *BrE* [ˈfemənɪn] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [ˈfeməɪn] <sup>ⓘ</sup>**adjective**

1. having the qualities or appearance considered to be typical of women; connected with women
  - That dress makes you look very feminine.
  - He had delicate, almost feminine, features.
  - the traditional feminine role**compare** ↑female, ↑masculine
2. (**grammar**) belonging to a class of words that refer to female people or animals and often have a special form
  - Some people prefer not to use the feminine form ‘actress’ and use the word ‘actor’ for both sexes.
3. (**grammar**) (in some languages) belonging to a class of nouns, pronouns or adjectives that have **feminine** ↑gender not ↑masculine or ↑neuter
  - The French word for ‘table’ is feminine.

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Latin **femininus**, from **femina** ‘**woman**’ .Example Bank:

- He made her feel feminine.
- Her name fits in with a traditionally feminine image.
- She looked very feminine with her hair like that.
- stereotypically feminine qualities like compassion

**noun** (**grammar**)

1. **the feminine** singular the **feminine** ↑gender (= form of nouns, adjectives and pronouns)
  2. **countable** a ↑feminine word or word form
- compare**
- ↑masculine, ↑neuter

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**fem** <sup>ⓘ</sup> **ine** /ˈfeməneɪn, ˈfemɪnər/ *BrE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ⓘ</sup> **adjective**[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** Latin femina ‘**woman**’]

1. having qualities that are considered to be typical of women, especially by being gentle, delicate, and pretty:
  - Dianne loved pretty feminine things.
2. relating to being female **SYN** **female** :
  - traditional feminine roles
  - Amelia’s report describes the experience from a feminine point of view.
3. a feminine noun, ↑pronoun etc belongs to a class of words that have different ↑inflections from ↑masculine or ↑neuter words ⇒ **masculine**

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**THESAURUS**■ **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 girly 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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