

Family Fragments

Family and Social Change

Discussion Point: Gendered Language

Identify as many differences as you can in the language used to describe males and females in our society.

How do you feel about being described in certain ways (such as being called "boy" or "girl"). My wife, for example, dislikes being called "dear" (she also dislikes being called "my wife", but that's another story).

How does the language used to describe the sexes impact on how we see ourselves (our masculinity and femininity) and on our behaviour (you could, if you wish, explore some of the derogatory (insulting) ways males and females are described...