

The Gender of Pashto Morphemes

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Abstract:

Among Indo-Aryan languages, Pashto is the language with complete rules and regulations. Every grammatical and linguistic issue has its own systematic formula. Pashto is the Indo-Aryan language that has maintained the historic principle of gender (masculine and feminine), even though it has lost neuter gender. In Pashto, masculine and feminine genders are not based on the gender of the noun, but on the final sounds of words, for which there is a unique formulaic system. This article centers on the final letters of Pashto words, which determine the gender of words.

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