

Task: Book inventory

With the help of the following table, go through the children's books that are used in your group at the nursery school. In the columns, mark the gender or gender neutrality of the main and secondary characters. Write down the characteristics, abilities, and duties associated with the characters. What kind of significance does a certain character have in terms of the storyline? What kind of feelings and emotions do the characters show? Do characters of a certain gender only show certain kind of emotions? Also pay attention to the way the characters are dressed as well as the color of their clothes. How do you recognize that a character is gender fluid?

Divide the books among the educators in your group so that each one of you is responsible for going through some of the books. After making notes, discuss your observations together. Had you paid attention to the kind of things you made notes about before? Did something surprise you? Do you think the children can relate to the characters in the books? The same table is also suitable for analyzing nursery rhymes or songs.

	FEMININE	MASCULINE	GENDER FLUID
MAIN CHARACTER			
SECONDARY CHARACTER			
ABILITIES, CHARACTERISTICS			
FEELINGS, EMOTIONS			
CLOTHING & COLORS			
PROFESSION			
OTHER THINGS			

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