

**mankind**[ˌmæŋˈkaɪnd] *n*

1. человечество, человеческий род
2. [ˈmæŋkaɪnd]мужчины, мужской пол

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**man-kind** [ˌmæŋˈkaɪnd] *BrE* [ˌmæŋˈkaɪnd] *AmE* [ˌmæŋˈkaɪnd] *noun***uncountable**

all humans, thought about as one large group; the human race

- the history of mankind
- an invention for the good of all mankind
- The future of mankind is at stake.

**compare** ↑womankind**see also** ↑humankindMore 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: ▫ 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:

- I believe that war is one of the major evils facing mankind.
- It is doubtful whether this research is of any benefit to mankind.
- The results of the research were made freely available for the benefit of all mankind.
- objects dating back to the dawn of mankind
- one of the most toxic substances known to mankind
- politicians who care about the future of mankind
- to save mankind from misery and destruction
- Mankind has marvelled at diamonds for at least 2 000 years.
- Some described it as 'the greatest disaster in the history of mankind'.
- Their remote location meant that they were isolated from the rest of mankind.

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[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑man, ↑manhood, ↑mankind; **adjective**: ↑manly ≠ ↑unmanly, manned ≠ ↑unmanned, ↑mannish; **verb**: ↑man; **adverb**: ↑manfully]

all humans considered as a group **SYN** humankind, man ⇔ womankind :

" Since earliest times, mankind has been fascinated by fire.

" one of the most important events in the history of mankind

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▫ **mankind/humankind** people in general. Some people think that the word **mankind** seems to make women seem unimportant, and prefer to use **humankind** instead: a scientific advance that has benefited mankind | He once said that the invention of television was the 'greatest single disaster in the history of mankind'.

▫ **the human race** all the people in the world, considered as one group: The entire human race could be wiped out by nuclear war.

| The majority of the human race will soon be living in big cities.

▪ **humanity** people in general – used especially when you are talking about caring for people and respecting their rights and their desire for happiness: The General was accused of committing crimes against humanity. | They hope to achieve a better future for all humanity.

▪ **man** people in general – use this when you are comparing humans with other living things. Some people prefer not to use **man** because they think it makes women seem unimportant: Jericho is the oldest continuously inhabited city known to man. | The chimpanzee is man's closest relative.

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