

# Re: Gender in language

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In article <Xns984D917635D2Djohnpf@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, John Flynn <[johnpf@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:johnpf@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Nathan Sanders wrote:

[snip]

Just because some linguistic feature (or more appropriately, the \*potential\* for that feature) is "hard-wired" doesn't mean every language must have that feature.

Which makes me wonder why it is believed to be "hard-wired" and not, instead, a learned feature.

Are blue eyes learned? Not every human has them...

See the decades-old debate between behaviorists and nativists for more extensive arguments and evidence from both sides.

Nathan

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