

# The Power of Words

Using gender-inclusive language



The words we choose to use can make people feel welcome and included. They can also be exclusionary, disrespectful, or invalidating. Look at the examples below, can you think of a gender-inclusive answer for the last three?

## Gendered Language

"Ladies and gentlemen"

"Moms and dads"

"Pink is for girls"

"Mankind"

"Boys are good at sports"

"Husband and wife"

"Boys will be boys"

## Alternatives

"Distinguished guests"

"Parents and caregivers"

"Colours are for everyone"

"Humankind"