Language is man made, so language isn’t perfect because of this we have to do the best we can with what we have. An example of someone who uses they/them pronouns could be someone that is definitely not a he/she, but he/she/him pronouns don’t feel right either, so they/them is way more comfortable for someone like them. One semantic rule which we can see in operation in the language is that of the male-as-norm. At the outset it may appear to be a relatively innocuous rule for classifying the Man Made Language (1980) is a book by Australian feminist writer Dale Spender. In it she examines numerous areas of sexism as it appears in nature and in the use of the English language, with particular focus on the way men and women talk and listen differently in couples and in mixed or single sex groups; how men have historically constructed the language; how the word man is used to refer to both men and the species; how God is always seen as male; and how intercourse is described as ‘penetrative