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■ **feminine rhyme** *n prosody* a rhyme between words in which one, two, or more unstressed syllables follow a stressed one, as in *elation, nation* or *merrily, verily*. Compare [masculine rhyme](#)

■ **femininism** (ˈfemɪnɪˌnɪzəm) *n* the state of quality of being feminine

■ **femininity** (ˌfemɪˈnɪnɪti) *n* **1** the quality of being feminine **2** womanhood

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#### SYNONYMS

□ *n*

= **womanliness**, [delicacy](#), [softness](#), [womanhood](#), [gentleness](#), girlishness, feminineness, [muliebrity](#) • *the drudgery behind the ideology of motherhood and femininity*

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■ **feminism** (ˈfemɪˌnɪzəm) *n* a doctrine or movement that advocates equal rights for women

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#### SYNONYMS

□ *n*

= **female emancipation**, women's rights, the women's movement, women's liberation, women's lib (*informal*) • *She is a champion of feminism.*

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■ **feminist** (ˈfemɪnɪst) *n* **1** a person who advocates equal rights for women □ *adj* **2** of, relating to, or advocating feminism

■ **feministic** (ˌfemɪˈnɪstɪk) *adj* another word for [feminist](#) (sense 2)

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