

TABLE 6.1**Examples of Gender Specialization across 185 Societies****Exclusively Male Activities**

Hunting large aquatic and land fauna, hunting fowl, trapping
Smelting ore, metal working, wood working
Making musical instruments
Building boats
Working in stone, bone, horn, and shell
Mining, quarrying

Swing Activities or those performed by either predominantly males, predominantly females, or both, depending on the culture area

Making fire
Planting, tending crops, and harvesting
Preparation of animal skins, clothes making or leather working
Carrying heavy loads
Body modification, such as scarification, tattooing, or piercing
Making mats and pottery
Preserving meat or fish

Predominantly Female Activities (none were found to be exclusively female)

Gathering of fuel and wild plant foods
Preparation of drinks
Dairy production (milking)
Spinning and laundering
Fetching water
Cooking, especially preparation of wild plant foods