Some confusing nouns referring to human beings

osoba - person

Feminine Noun which can refer to men or women:

Always takes feminine adjectives, pronouns, etc.

Ona jest miłą osobą.

On jest miłą osobą.

człowiek - a human being

Masculine Noun which can refer to men or women:

Always takes masculine adjectives, pronouns, etc.

Ona jest dobrym człowiekiem.

On jest dobrym człowiekiem.

dziecko - a child

Neuter Noun which can refer to boys or girls.

Always takes neuter adjectives, pronouns, etc.

Ona jest moim dzieckiem.

On jest moim dzieckiem.

mężczyzna, poeta, artysta, etc.

Masculine Nouns which decline like Feminine Nouns, but take masculine adjectives, pronouns, etc., and refer to men only.

On jest miłym mężczyzną.

Practice Exercise:

- 1. John is not a nice person.
- 2. Mark is a good diplomat.
- 3. Ewa is a wonderful human being.
- 4. She is the nicest person in Seattle.
- 5. He is my youngest child.
- 6. Piotr is a simply terrible person, but he is a great artist.