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COMMON AND PROPER NAMING WORDS

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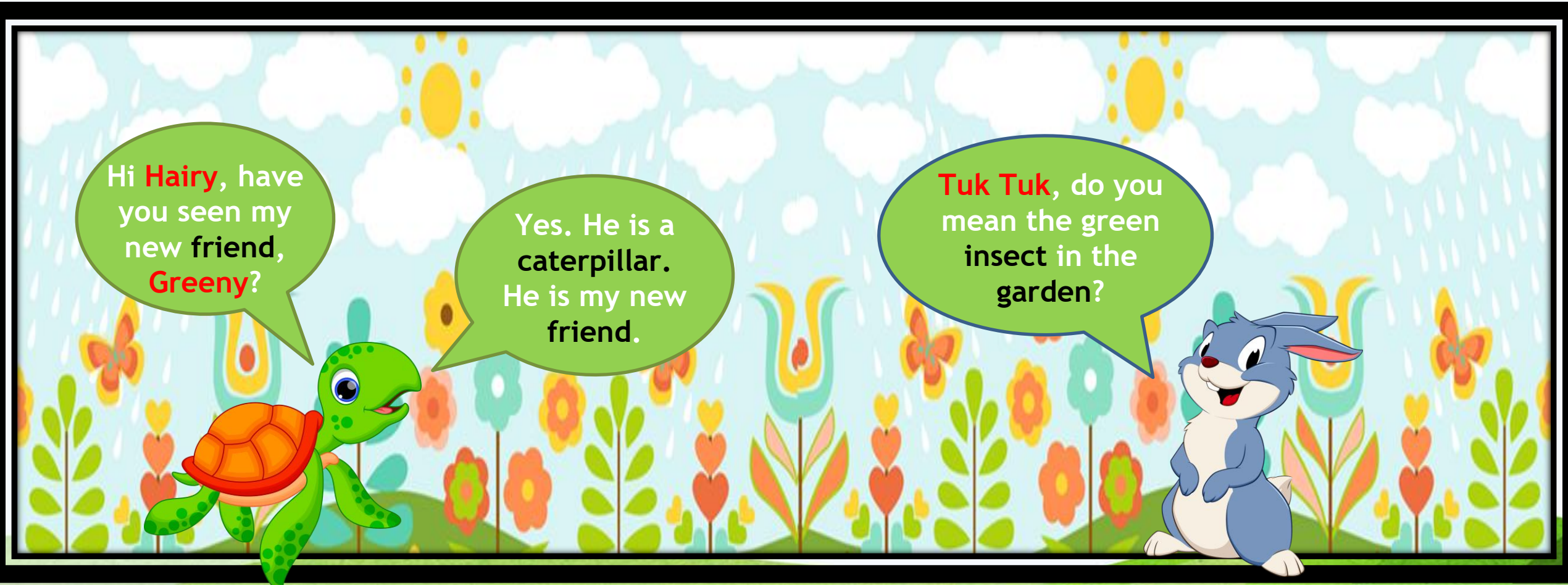
Read what Tuk-Tuk and Hairy are saying. The words in ***red*** are proper naming words and the words in ***black*** are common naming words.



Common Naming Words

Names that are not special names of any person, place, thing or animal are called common naming words or common nouns.

Examples: clock, cake, dog, pencil

They don’t point to a special person, place or animal.









Proper Naming Words

The words Tuk Tuk, Hairy and Greeny are special names.

Nouns that are special names of people, places and animals are called proper naming words or proper nouns.

Examples: Mira, Anil, Jo Jo, Mumbai, etc.



Remember: A proper noun always begins with a capital letter.

Remember

Now, read a few more examples in sentences of common and proper naming words. The proper naming words are in red and common ones are in blue.

1. Zubin is my cousin.
2. I am going to Chennai tomorrow.
3. Aunt Rima visited us during the holidays.
4. Bangalore has beautiful parks.
5. Chilika is a large lake in Odisha.



Your Turn to Try

Read the paragraph. Underline the proper nouns and circle the common nouns.

Silly Hans was a silly little boy who did things without thinking.

One day Peggy, his mother asked him to buy a chicken from the market.

He bought one but put it in his pocket instead of holding it. On the way, he met Mr. Podger and Mr. Brown. He began chatting with them.

By the time he reached home, the chicken had jumped out of the pocket and had run away.

