Nouns



Noun

A noun is a word that refers to person, place, animal or thing.

There are different types of nouns.

- Common Noun
- Proper Noun
- Concrete Noun
- Abstract Noun
- Collective Noun



Common Noun

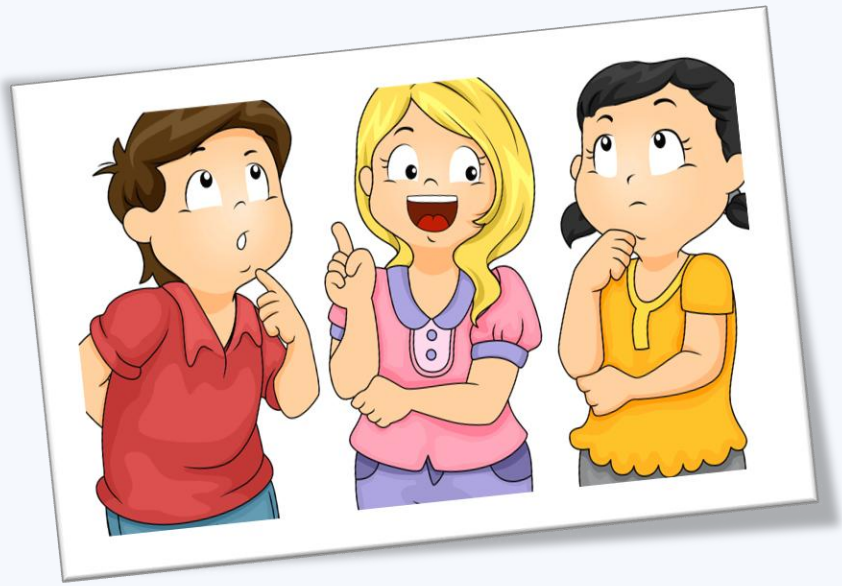
- **Common nouns** are words used to name general items rather than specific ones.
- They are not **capitalised** unless they come at the beginning of a sentence.

Examples:

person: girl, boy, mother, father, teacher, actor

things: lamp, chair, couch, TV, window, book

places: school, mall, living room, garden, hospital



Proper Noun

A proper noun gives a special name to a common noun. **Proper nouns are always capitalised.**

For example, the word cat is a common noun, but if the cat is called Casper, the word Casper is a proper noun.

cat = common noun

cat's name (Casper) = proper noun



Examples:

My dad's favourite newspaper (common noun) is the *The Times of India* (proper noun).

Sachin Tendulkar (proper noun) is one of the greatest cricket players (common noun) in the world.

Collective Noun

A collective noun is used to name a collective group of individual members.

Examples:

- furniture (table, chair, cupboard, bed, sofa, side table)
- family (mother, father, grand parents, brothers, sisters)
- a bouquet of flowers
- an army of soldiers
- a colony of ants

- a flock of birds/sheep
- a basket of fruits
- a herd of deer
- a choir of singers
- a litter of puppies
- a pack of hounds
- a fleet of ships



Abstract Noun

Abstract nouns are words that name things that are not concrete.

This noun is special you can't see it, smell it, taste it, hear it, or touch it.

These nouns express ideas, concepts, or qualities that cannot be seen

Examples of abstract nouns from verbs:

decision – decide

thought – think

imagination – imagine

speech – speak

growth – grow

angry – anger



Abstract Noun

Examples of abstract nouns from adjectives:

beauty – beautiful

poverty – poor

vacancy – vacant

happiness – happy

Examples of abstract nouns from nouns:

friendship – friend

childhood – child

The words in red are all abstract nouns.



Let’s Recall

1. **Write a proper noun for each common noun.**

a. girl/boy _____
b. store _____
c. school _____
d. city _____



2. **Which of these is a proper noun?**

a. Kolkata
b. John
c. Town
d. Love
e. Taj Mahal

Let’s Recall

3. Is the underlined word a common noun or proper noun? Choose.

a. The dog jumped high. common / proper

b. Michael Phelps holds four individual and three team Olympic swimming records. common/ proper

c. Goa has beautiful beaches. common / proper

d. The restaurant was busy that night. common / proper

e. Don’t forget to stop at the super market to pick up groceries. common/ proper

Let’s Recall

4. Identify the abstract noun in the given sentences.

a. My grandparent’s love for each other was beautiful.

b. Her parents were embarrassed at her bad behaviour.

c. The weather in New York was cold when we visited.

d. It takes a lot of courage to own up to the truth.



Let’s Recall

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct collective noun in the help box.

bouquet, family, choir, litter, flock

a. A beautiful _____was presented to the club president.

b. The church _____sang hymns in the church.

c. Our _____ has decided to go for a vacation to Nainital.

d. Our dog Frisky had a _____ of puppies.

e. A _____of birds were seen trying to escape the forest fire.