Nouns



What is Noun?





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

There are different types of nouns.

- Common Noun
- Proper Noun
- Collective Noun
- Abstract Noun
- Material Noun



Common Nouns





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, painting, pillow, candle

places: school, mall, living room

Proper Noun





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

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

dog = common noun

dog's name (Casper) = proper noun

Examples in sentences:

- 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
- a flock of sheep
- 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.



Material Noun





Material Nouns are the names of the materials out of which the things are made.

The words in red in these sentences are material nouns.

1. The rod is made of steel.
2. The boat is made of wood.
3. This book is made of paper.
4. I bought a ceramic cup, a gold earring, some sugar and a plastic bucket.



Let's Recall

1. **Write a proper noun for each common noun.**
   a. girl/boy _____
   b. store _____
   c. school _____
   d. city _____

1. **Which of these is a proper noun?**
   a. Kolkata
   b. John
   c. town
   d. cat
   e. Taj Mahal



Let's Recall

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

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. Choose the correct collective noun to fill in the blanks.

bouquet, family, choir, litter, flock

a. A beautiful _____was presented to the club president.

b. The church _____sang hymns in the church.

c. Our _____ will go to a vacation to Nainital.

d. Our dog Frisky had a _____ of puppies.

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

Let’s Recall

6. Identify the material noun in each set.

a. Iron / Sweets / Girl / Susan

b. Paper / Wool / Water / Plastic

c. Silver / Jack / Wood / Silver

d. Diamonds / Earrings / Taj Mahal / Oil

e. Tokyo / Shreya / Rubber / Cement

