

NOUNS

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COMMON

Used to name people, places or things in **GENERAL**. It refers to the class or type of person or thing (without being specific).
Examples: girl, city, animal, house, food

vs

PROPER

Used to name a **SPECIFIC** (or individual) person, place or thing. Proper nouns begin with a capital letter.
Examples: John, London, Pluto, France

COUNTABLE

Have a singular and a plural form and can be used with a number or a/an before it. They are sometimes called Count Nouns
Examples: car, desk, cup, house, bike

vs

UNCOUNTABLE

Cannot be counted. They often refer to substances, liquids, and abstract ideas. They are sometimes called Mass Nouns.
Examples: wood, milk, air, happiness

COMPOUND

Two or more words that create a noun. They can be written as one word, joined by a hyphen or written as separate words.
Examples: rainfall, son-in-law, credit card

COLLECTIVE

Refer to a set or group of people, animals or things. They are often followed by **OF + PLURAL NOUN** (e.g. bunch of flowers)
Examples: team, pile, stack, flock, bunch

COMMON VS PROPER NOUNS

Common and Proper Nouns

Common nouns name a person, place, or thing. They do not begin with a capital letter.

Proper nouns name a specific person, place, or thing. They always begin with a capital letter.

****The names of people and pets begin with capital letters.****

****The names of specific places begin with capital letters.****

****The names of the days of the weeks, the months of the year, and holidays begin with capital letters.****

Common Noun	Proper Noun
holiday	Christmas
park	Yellowstone
girl	Lisa
crayon	Crayola
day	Friday
month	May
dog	Rover

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NOUNS | ABSTRACT NOUNS | COLLECTIVE NOUNS | COMMON NOUNS
COMPOUND NOUNS | CONCRETE NOUNS | COUNTABLE / UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS
GERUND NOUNS | PREDICATE NOUNS | PROPER NOUNS

A noun is the word that refers to a person, thing or abstract idea. A noun can tell you who or what.

There are several different types of noun:-

- There are **common nouns** such as dog, car, chair etc.
- Nouns that refer to things which can be counted (can be singular or plural) are **countable nouns**.
- Nouns that refer to some groups of countable nouns, substances, feelings and types of activity (can only be singular) are **uncountable nouns**.
- Nouns that refer to a group of people or things are **collective nouns**.
- Nouns that refer to people, organisations or places are **proper nouns**, only proper nouns are capitalised.
- Nouns that are made up of two or more words are called **compound nouns**.
- Nouns that are formed from a verb by adding *-ing* are called **gerunds**