

N O U N S

TYPES OF 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

holiday

park

girl

crayon

day

month

dog

Proper Noun

Christmas

Yellowstone

Lisa

Crayola

Friday

May

Rover

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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](#)