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Common and Proper Nouns

A **common noun** names any person, place, or thing.

The shiny coins jingled in his pocket.

A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, or thing. When a proper noun is more than one word, capitalize only the important word or words.

Her cousin lives in South America. Aunt Jean visited the Statue of Liberty.

Some proper nouns, including titles for people, have short forms called abbreviations that begin with capital letters and end with periods.

Gen. Jones visited the middle school. I met Edward Wu, Jr.

Directions Underline the proper nouns and circle the common nouns.

1. Dr. Tee Van chuckled at the bird.
2. My uncle put his money in the National State Bank.
3. Aunt Louise worked in her garden.
4. Mrs. George just became an aunt.
5. Our neighbors moved from Maine to Oregon.
6. Dad and Rev. Johnson had lunch on Saturday.
7. She bought presents for Aunt Sue.
8. May I have more broccoli, Mom?

Directions Rewrite the proper nouns using correct capitalization, punctuation, and abbreviations where possible.

9. doctor martin luther king, junior _____
10. general forrester _____
11. doctor bart from boston _____
12. reverend smith _____



Home Activity Your child learned about common nouns and proper nouns. Have your child tell you the difference between common nouns and proper nouns and find examples of each in a magazine.

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Directions Write a sentence using a common noun and a proper noun, as indicated, for the words in ().

Example: (name, P/animal, C) *Kirby is my dog.*

1. (relative, P/food, C) _____
2. (country, P/season, C) _____
3. (friend, P /vehicle, C) _____
4. (title, P /hobby, C) _____
5. (holiday, P /clothing, C) _____

Directions Rewrite the sentences using correct capitalization for proper nouns.

6. bobby attends turner middle school in wellston, iowa.

7. crowbar stayed with the georges for two-and-a-half years.

8. twig's test is scheduled for next tuesday.

9. the harvest bakery sells pumpkin pies only in november.

10. last year luke and his friends visited the statue of liberty.

11. i drove my cousin to union station.

12. ms. roberts lives on beale street.



Home Activity Your child learned how to use common and proper nouns in writing. Ask your child to write sentences describing your community. Then have your child underline the common nouns and circle the proper nouns he or she used.

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Directions Mark the letter that lists the proper nouns in each sentence.

- One Saturday in September, a crow arrived at our door.

A morning, September	C Saturday, September
B Saturday, crow	D crow, door
- The Midwest is part of the United States.

A Midwest, part	C Midwest, States
B United States	D Midwest, United States
- Captain John sailed down the Hudson River.

A Captain John, Hudson River	C John, Hudson
B Captain John, sailed	D Captain, River
- My sister Pam works at a bank in town.

A Pam, bank, town	C Pam
B My, Pam	D sister, Pam, bank, town

Directions Mark the letter that lists the common nouns in each sentence.

- The Georges owned a red fox named Fulva.

A The Georges, Fulva	C Georges, Fulva
B Georges, fox	D fox
- A group of mothers worked at Mercy Hospital.

A group, mothers, Mercy Hospital	C group, Mercy Hospital
B group, mothers	D mothers, Mercy Hospital
- During our conversation, Mr. Ori drank tea.

A conversation, tea	C conversation, Ori, tea
B Mr. Ori, tea	D conversation, Mr., tea
- Before winter, birds begin their migration.

A winter, birds	C winter, birds, migration
B winter	D winter, birds, their



Home Activity Your child prepared for taking tests on common and proper nouns. With your child, find four examples each of common and proper nouns in a newspaper article.

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Directions Write *P* if the underlined noun is a proper noun. Write *C* if it is a common noun.

1. My dad knocked over the bird's nest. _____
2. The park in the Bronx has a steep slide. _____
3. Luke found the bird in a spruce. _____
4. Hamburger was his favorite food. _____
5. Do you live in Lake Placid? _____
6. Crowbar marched around like a military general. _____

Directions Underline the proper nouns and circle the common nouns.

7. The boy found the bird on Halloween.
8. Uncle Ron brought some birdseed.
9. Grandpa Ruiz drove to New York from Tennessee.
10. In summer, warm breezes rustle the leaves in the oaks.
11. Craig opened an account at First National Bank.
12. Mrs. George writes stories on her typewriter.
13. In September, the trees turn many colors.
14. Dr. Kalmbach wrote a report about farmers and crows.
15. The director of the Bronx Zoo visited the Georges.

Directions Replace the common nouns in () with proper nouns. Be sure to use appropriate capitalization.

16. My (relative) _____ has never been to (continent) _____.
17. (title) _____ Arthur Chin was born in (country) _____.
18. Luke's friend (name) _____ works for (company) _____.
19. (school) _____ is closed on (date) _____.
20. (city) _____ is in (state) _____.



Home Activity Your child reviewed common nouns and proper nouns. With your child, find three common nouns and three proper nouns in a printed advertisement.