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Nouns: Common, Proper, Collective, Possessive



THINK



Critical Thinking

Circle the odd ones out in each row.

1. beautiful girl Sita eyes hair
2. lime sour melon tree grapes
3. house window curtains swim door
4. above nose eye teeth lips

Now, complete this sentence.

The words that have not been circled are all _____.

LEARN

Nouns are the names of people, places, animals or things.



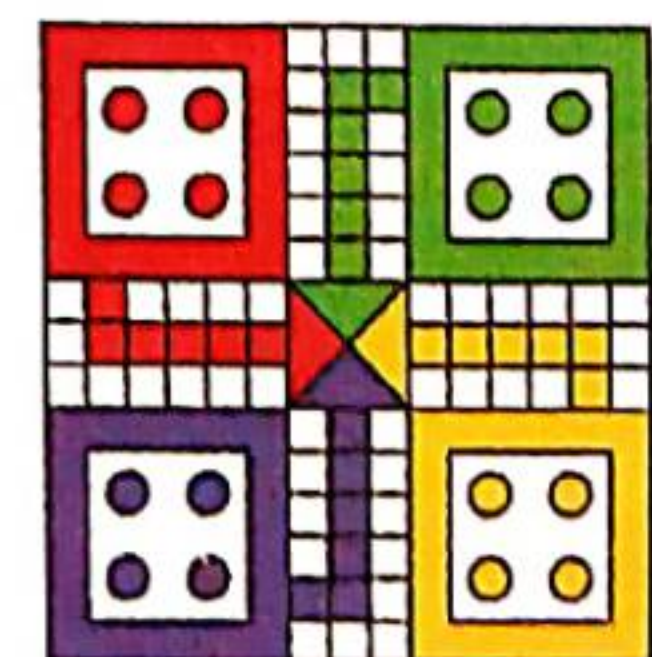
girl
Tanima



school
Pune High School



dog
Bholu



game
Ludo

Nouns that are names in general are known as **common nouns**.

Nouns that are specific names are known as **proper nouns**.

Proper nouns always start with **capital letters**.

PRACTISE

A. Work in pairs and underline the nouns in the paragraph.

Aatif and his sister, Saira, were going to visit their grandmother in Nizam Bagh. She had fallen down and hurt her leg. The two children wanted to cheer her up.

Aatif's mother had made rice pudding for her. Aatif went to the Meerzana Book Shop to buy a book for his grandmother. Saira bought some wool from Gadar Bazaar so that Grandma could knit a nice sweater.

Grandma Naseema was very happy to spend the day with her grandchildren.

Now, list the nouns under these two categories.

common nouns	proper nouns
sister	Aatif
grandmother	Saira
leg	Nizam Bagh
children	Meerzana Book shop
mother	Gadar Bazaar
rice pudding	Naseema
book	
Grandma	
sweater	
day	
grandchildren	
wool	

B. Rewrite the sentences using capital letters wherever required.

1. Riya visited agra last week.

Riya visited Agra last week.



2. agra is known for its many famous old buildings.

Agra is known for its many famous old buildings.

3. the taj mahal is the most famous amongst them.

The Taj Mahal is the most famous amongst them.

4. some people say that the agra fort is more interesting than the red fort.

Some people say that the Agra Fort is more interesting than the Red Fort.



5. riya's favourite building is within the fort.

Riya's favourite building is within the fort.

6. it is the moti masjid.

It is the Moti Masjid.

7. the moti masjid is made of white marble.

The Moti Masjid is made of white marble.

8. riya never forgets to eat some petha when she is in town.

Riya never forgets to eat some petha when she is in town.

C. Complete the table with the correct common nouns from the box.



month city mountain dog festival mobile girl ship

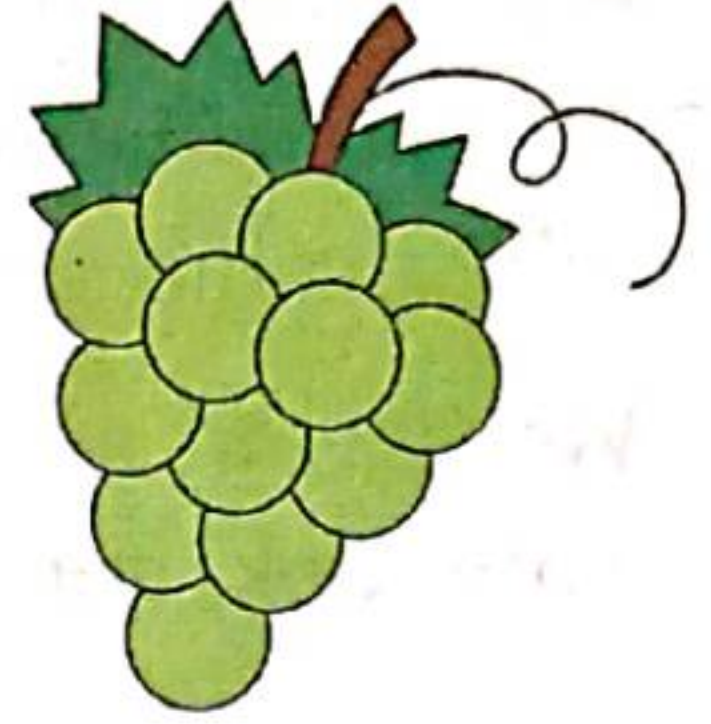
proper nouns	common nouns
Mohini	girl
New Delhi	city
Tommy	dog
Samsung	mobile
January	month
Diwali	festival
Titanic	ship
Himalayas	mountain

PRACTISE

D. Choose the correct matches for these collective nouns.



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| 1. a school of - b | a. bees |
| 2. a gang of - e | b. fish |
| 3. a swarm of - a | c. monkeys |
| 4. a troop of - c | d. kittens |
| 5. a bunch of - f | e. thieves |
| 6. a litter of - d | f. grapes |



E. Fill in the blanks with appropriate collective nouns from the box.



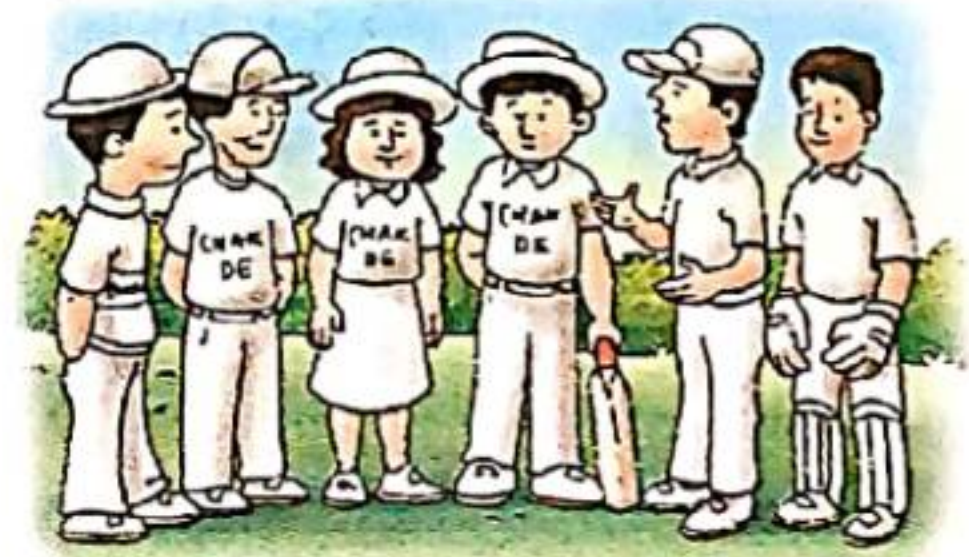
class brood team flock bouquet
herd crew set library



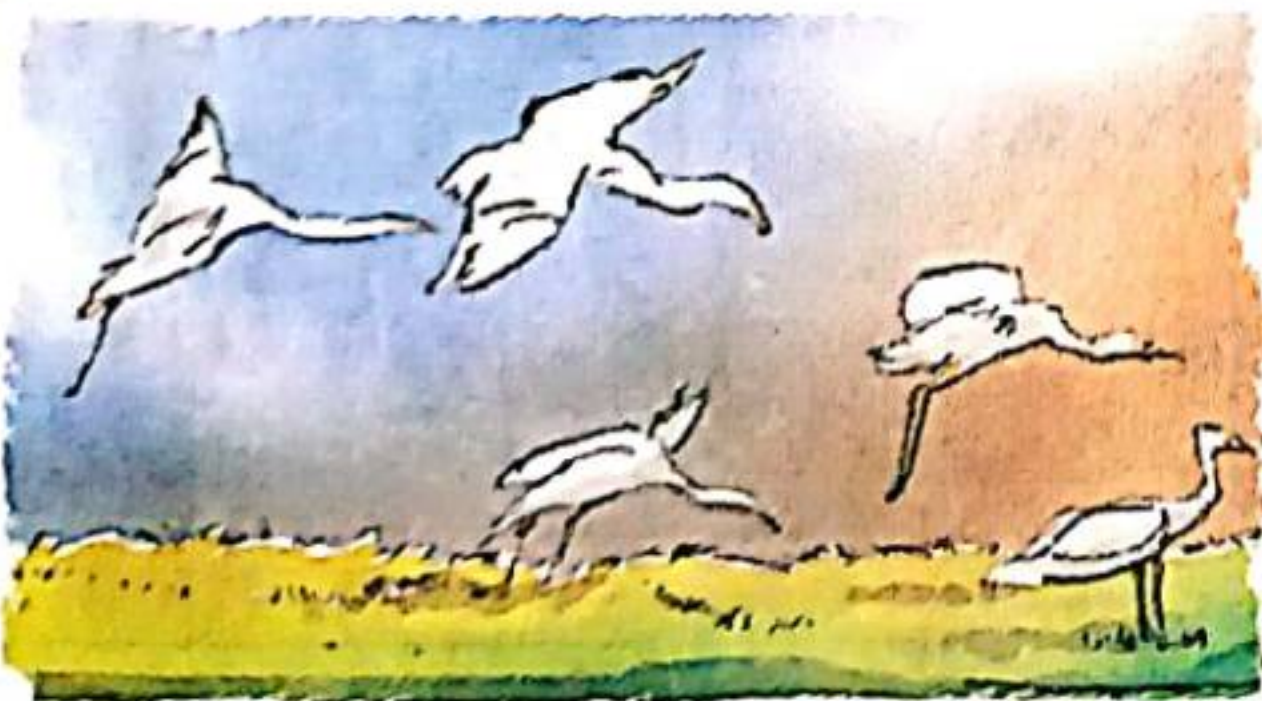
1. a set of bowls



2. a brood of hens



3. a team of players



4. a flock of birds



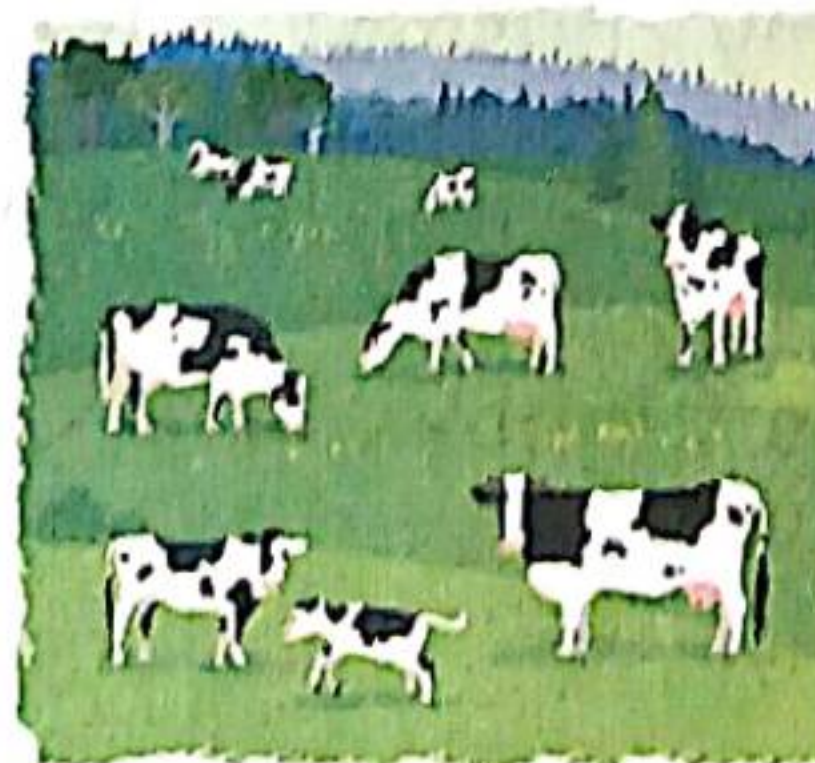
5. a class of students



6. a library of books



7. a crew of sailors



8. a herd of cattle



9. a bouquet of flowers

LEARN

- I met Ashna's mother yesterday.
- These are Rahul's headphones.
- The dog's bowl was empty.

Read the words in red again. These words are **possessive nouns**. A possessive noun tells us what someone or something owns or has a relationship with.



We use an **apostrophe** and an **s** in a possessive noun—brother's notebook, aunt's letter, cat's tail, lion's roar, Abhay's brother.

REMEMBER

- In singular nouns, we use the apostrophe **before** the 's'—**sister's** school.
- In plural nouns, we usually use the apostrophe **after** the 's'—**boys'** teams.
- In singular nouns ending with 's', we usually use the apostrophe + the 's' after the noun—hippopotamus's teeth, Mr Das's book.

PRACTISE

F. Rewrite the sentences using possessive nouns.



1. This is the car of Mr Mathur. This is Mr Mathur's car.
2. The collar of the dog is new. The dog's collar is new.
3. She borrowed the notebook of Suhas. She borrowed Suhas's notebook.
4. The bag of Kanika is blue. Kanika's bag is blue.
5. The wool of the sheep is warm. The sheep's wool is warm.
6. The trunks of elephants are long. The elephant's trunks are long.
7. She is the mother of my friend. She is my friend's mother.
8. These are the gifts of my cousins. These are my cousin's gifts.
9. The socks of Charles are missing. Charles's socks are missing.
10. The roar of the lion was frightening. The lion's roar was frightening.



Get into pairs and underline the collective nouns in this paragraph. Then, make sentences with three of the collective nouns.

I went up the flight of stairs to my elder brother's room. His desk was a mess. There was a bunch of grapes in a basket. There was a bunch of keys on top of a pile of books. A set of empty glass bowls was kept at a corner. A swarm of ants walked all over the jar of fruit jam. I had brought a bouquet of fresh flowers for him, so he decided to clean up the mess.



- 1] My mother brought a bunch of grapes for us.
- 2] There is a pile of books on the table.
- 3] Neha received a bouquet of fresh flowers for her birthday.