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Nouns: Common and Proper



THINK

Read what Manan has to say about himself.

Hi! I am **Manan**.
I am a boy.



I study in **St Paul's School**.
It is a good school.

Do you know what day it is tomorrow?
It is **Sunday**.

LEARN

Manan, **St Paul's School** and **Sunday** are special names. **Proper nouns** are the special names of people, places, animals or things. **Ankit**, **India**, **Bruno**, **Cambridge School** are some more examples of proper nouns.

A proper noun always begins with a capital letter.

Common nouns are the general names of people, places, animals or things. For example, boy, school, day, horse, are common nouns.

Let us look at some more examples. The highlighted words are proper nouns and the underlined ones are common nouns.

- **Cuttack** is a beautiful city.
- **Arun** is our captain.
- My dog is called **Coal**.
- I love the story, **Snow White** and the **Seven Dwarfs**.

PRACTISE

A. Look at these pictures. Complete this table using the words from the box.



cat festival January Christmas month Kitty

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| common nouns | month | cat | festival |
| proper nouns | January | Kitty | Christmas |

B. Let us read about David. Underline the common nouns and circle the proper nouns in the paragraph.



David loves to swim. He goes to the pool every Sunday and Wednesday. His father takes him there by car. David carries his trunks, goggles and a float in a bag. He swims for a long time. After that, they go home and eat rice and vegetables. No wonder he is such a healthy boy!

C. Look at the pairs of words. Drop the common nouns in the green basket and proper nouns in the red basket.



country—america girl—payal pune—city fruit—orange rohan—baby



tommy—dog tulip—flower horse—speedy tree—banyan doctor—gupta

Now, write the proper nouns. Do not forget to start them with capital letters.

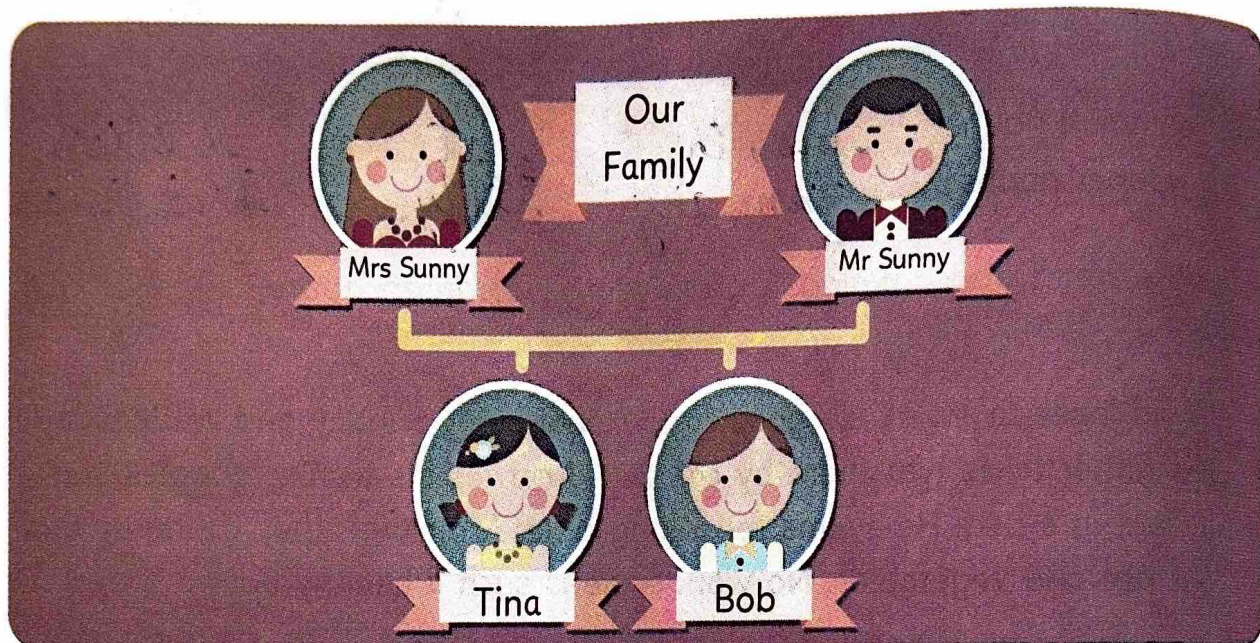
America, Payal, Pune, Orange, Rohan
Tommy, Tulip, Speedy, Banyan,
Gupta

PLAY



Look at the family tree and complete the sentences.

1. Bob is the son of Mr and Mrs Sunny.
2. Tina is Bob's sister. Bob is Tina's brother.
3. Mr and Mrs Sunny are the parents of Tina and Bob.



Now, work in pairs and describe your family to your partner in a similar manner.