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# Nouns: Common, Proper, Abstract, Concrete



## THINK



Appreciation of Literature

Read this poem to know about Juhi and Ruhi's encounter with Ms Lioness.

Juhi and Ruhi, the sweet little twins  
 Went for a picnic to the dark ruins.  
 There, they met Ms Lioness in a gown,  
 She said she had just got back in town.  
 Her cunning eyes and hungry smile  
 Had the girls running mile after mile!  
 The idea of the outing at the ruins was bad,  
 'Just play at home,' said Mom and Dad.



Now, underline as many nouns as you can in the poem. Compare your list with your partner's list.

A **noun**, as we know, is the name of a person, place, animal or thing. **Juhi**, **Ruhi**, **picnic**, **ruins** and **girls** are some nouns used in the poem.

## LEARN

### Common and Proper Nouns

Let us now recall the types of nouns we have already studied. Read these sentences.

- **Rudolf**, the **reindeer**, is playing in the **snow**.
- The **girl** named **Sunita** is organising the **event**.

**Rudolf** and **Sunita** are proper nouns. The words **reindeer**, **snow**, **girl** and **event** are common nouns.

## common nouns

general names for people, places, animals or things

## proper nouns

specific names of people, places, animals or things

Remember, a proper noun always begins with a capital letter, no matter where it is placed within a sentence.

# PRACTISE

A. Underline the proper nouns and circle the common nouns in the given sentences. There can be more than one common or proper noun in the given sentences.

1. The city of Agra is known for the Taj Mahal.
2. Ramya went to buy a watermelon from the market.
3. Sonali's best friend lives in Dubai.
4. Mr Robinson was waiting for Ajit outside the airport.
5. Surbhi, Amit and Raghav had gone to watch the movie Moana.
6. My neighbour likes to throw parties every Friday.

B. Complete this table with suitable proper nouns and common nouns.

common nouns	proper nouns
city	Imphal
river	Narmada
teacher	Ms. Priya
continent	Asia
Monument	Hawa Mahal



C. Rewrite these sentences by replacing proper nouns with common nouns from the box. Make other necessary changes.



detective      cricketer      restaurant  
athlete      singer      actor      author

1. Enid Blyton has written many interesting books.

The author has written many interesting books.

2. The case was solved by Sherlock Holmes.

The case was solved by the detective.

3. The academy is owned by Virat Kohli.

The academy is owned by the cricketer.

4. Just Chill serves delicious food.

The restaurant serves delicious food.

5. Charlie Chaplin made the audience laugh.

The actor made the audience laugh.

6. Usain Bolt gives his best in all his races.

The athlete gives his best in all his races.

7. The attraction of the ceremony was Arijit Singh.

The attraction of the ceremony was the singer.



## LEARN

### Concrete and Abstract Nouns

Let us now learn about two more types of nouns. Read these sentences.

• The boy tasted the apple and the sweets.

• The rose is a lovely flower.

Can you identify the nouns in these sentences? The nouns you have identified are concrete nouns as they can be touched or seen.

Now, read these sentences.

The minister was known for his honesty.

The king was famous for his generosity.



Here, **honesty** and **generosity** are nouns. Although they are not physical or concrete, we can feel or experience them. Such nouns are called **abstract nouns**. Abstract nouns include **qualities** such as kindness, brightness, honesty, bravery, wisdom; **states of being** such as peace, quiet, youth, childhood, sleep, and activities such as laughter and theft.

## PRACTISE

D. Write C for concrete nouns and A for abstract nouns.

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|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1. music     | <input type="checkbox"/> A | 2. courage     | <input type="checkbox"/> A |
| 3. Mt Fuji   | <input type="checkbox"/> C | 4. air         | <input type="checkbox"/> C |
| 5. computer  | <input type="checkbox"/> C | 6. grapes      | <input type="checkbox"/> C |
| 7. butterfly | <input type="checkbox"/> C | 8. noise       | <input type="checkbox"/> A |
| 9. happiness | <input type="checkbox"/> A | 10. helicopter | <input type="checkbox"/> C |

E. Read this paragraph about different sources of joy. Circle the concrete nouns and underline the abstract nouns.

It is said that laughter is the best medicine. Along with this, knowledge and the beauty of nature can give us happiness and peace. The heights of green mountains, the depths of oceans and the lengths of vast deserts can be sources of pleasure to many people. The innocence and curiosity of childhood can be sources of joy for some.

F. Circle the odd one out in each set. Give reasons for your answers.

1. Mumbai, Bengaluru, city, Chennai

All the other words are proper nouns.

2. pride, love, girl, beauty

All the other words are abstract nouns.

3. musician, dancer, artist, courage

All the other words are concrete nouns.

4. truth, newspaper, flower, car

All the other words are concrete nouns.

5. cricket, football, Kerala, tennis

All the other words are common nouns.

6. Kaveri, Narmada, river, Ganga

All the other words are proper nouns.

7. honesty, boy, love, sorrow

All the other words are abstract nouns.

8. book, growth, notebook, eraser

All the other words are concrete nouns

9. city, state, Lucknow, country

All the other words are common nouns

10. honesty, generosity, apple, bravery

All the other words are abstract nouns

## PLAY

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Creative Thinking



Collaboration



Art Integration

I. Work in groups. Each group will select any four abstract nouns and illustrate them creatively. Show your illustrations to the other groups. The other groups will try to guess the nouns.



II. Play a game of Common, Proper and Abstract Nouns. Your teacher will call out a letter. Each of you has to write one common noun, one proper noun and one abstract noun beginning with the letter. After five letters, exchange your list with your partner and check the answers. You will get 10 points for each correct answer and lose 5 points for each wrong answer.

