

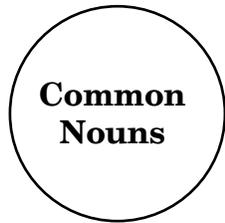
Assessing Language: Grade 5

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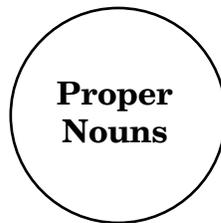
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Common and Proper Nouns



Words that name persons, places, or things are called **common nouns**.
boy, day, city



Words that name particular person, places, or things are called **proper nouns**.
John Bradley, Wednesday,
St. Louis

- I. After each of the following common nouns write an example of a proper noun.
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|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. country _____ | 4. river _____ | 7. school _____ |
| 2. lady _____ | 5. holiday _____ | 8. dog _____ |
| 3. church _____ | 6. man _____ | 9. park _____ |
- II. Underline the common nouns in each of the following sentences.
1. The boy drew an angle on his paper.
 2. Mother put a bandage on her swollen ankle.
 3. The girl dropped a bunch of grapes on the floor.
 4. The guard checked the locks on the drawers of that trunk.
 5. The lady used beets, cucumbers, and vinegar to make pickles.
- III. Underline all the nouns in each of the following sentences. At the end of each sentence, write all proper nouns that should be capitalized.
1. The children saw a patriotic poster of uncle sam. _____
 2. Treasure island, a mystery book, was written by r.l. stevenson. _____

 3. On saturday we went to see the movie, "dr. doolittle." _____

 4. We celebrate the birthday of george washington on february 22. _____

 5. Some native americans live on reservations in the western part of the united states. _____

 6. Mark twain wrote books about tom sawyer and the mississippi river. _____

 7. The planet venus was named after the goddess of love and beauty. _____

Concrete and Abstract Nouns

A **concrete** noun names something that can be seen or touched.

EXAMPLES: building, truck, house, toy

An **abstract** noun names an idea, a quality, or a state of being.

EXAMPLES: energy, memory, honor

I. Identify the following nouns as abstract (**A**) or concrete (**C**) by writing the correct letter on the line.

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|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| ___ 1. river | ___ 6. happiness | ___ 11. paper |
| ___ 2. imagination | ___ 7. computer | ___ 12. success |
| ___ 3. fence | ___ 8. liberty | ___ 13. freedom |
| ___ 4. wall | ___ 9. book | ___ 14. telephone |
| ___ 5. worship | ___ 10. flower | ___ 15. enthusiasm |

II. List three abstract nouns and three concrete nouns of your own.

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. (abstract) _____ | 1. (concrete) _____ |
| 2. (abstract) _____ | 2. (concrete) _____ |
| 3. (abstract) _____ | 3. (concrete) _____ |

III. In the following sentences, write the abstract and concrete nouns under the correct column.

	Abstract	Concrete
1. The women were deep in conversation.	_____	_____
2. Rasheed demonstrated much courage.	_____	_____
3. It's my responsibility to wash and dry the dishes.	_____	_____
4. The skunk's scent is extremely strong.	_____	_____
5. A great imagination creates good fiction books.	_____	_____
6. Beauty is only skin deep.	_____	_____

Which Speed? Singular—Plural

1. Most plural nouns end in **s**. (boys)
2. Nouns ending in ch, sh, s, x, ss, and z add **es** to form their plural. (boxes)
3. Nouns ending in y preceded by a consonant, change the **y** to **i** and add **es**. (ladies)
4. Some nouns ending in f or fe change the **f** to **v** and add **es**. (leaves)
5. Some nouns change forms completely. (child—children)
6. A few nouns are the same in both singular and plural. (deer; sheep)

I. Write the plural of each of the following nouns.

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|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. diamond _____ | monkey _____ | hospital _____ |
| 2. church _____ | box _____ | glass _____ |
| 3. city _____ | lady _____ | berry _____ |
| 4. leaf _____ | shelf _____ | life _____ |
| 5. child _____ | man _____ | foot _____ |
| 6. deer _____ | salmon _____ | sheep _____ |

II. Underline all nouns in each of the following sentences. Then write the plural of each underlined noun.

1. The lady bought a box of mix at the store. _____
2. The child hid behind a bush in the yard. _____
3. The airplane flies high in the sky. _____
4. The boy put a penny in his bank for a toy. _____
5. The mouse ate the cheese in the trap. _____
6. The wife gave her husband a knife. _____
7. The woman is studying the child's tooth. _____
8. Put the dictionary on the shelf of the cabinet. _____
9. The store gave free cereal to the starving man. _____
10. The goose waddled down to the edge of the lake. _____