

**TESOL**

# **Grammar Workshop**

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**Nouns: Proper & Common,  
Concrete & Abstract**

## What You'll Learn:

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- How to identify and use **Proper, Common, Concrete** and **Abstract Nouns**.
- How to know the difference to between these types of nouns.

## Why It's Important:

- To further your understanding of **Sentence Structure**.
- So you will know the difference between **Singular, Plural** and **Collective** forms.

# Proper & Common Nouns:

A **Proper Noun** is a noun that names a particular person, place, thing, or idea.

A **Proper Noun** begins with a capitol letter.

A **Common Noun** is the general name of a person, place, thing, or idea.

<b>Example:</b>	<u>Proper</u>	<u>Common</u>
<b>Person:</b>	Uncle Al	relative
<b>Place:</b>	Cuba	country
<b>Thing:</b>	King Kong	movie
<b>Idea:</b>	(the) Renaissance	era

# Concrete & Abstract Nouns:

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A **Concrete Noun** names an object that occupies space or that can be recognized by any of the five senses.

An **Abstract Noun** names an idea, quality, or characteristic.

## Example:

**Concrete:** sneeze, star, explosion, chimney

**Abstract:** ability, honesty, love, beauty