

Common or Proper?

Underline the **common nouns** and circle the **proper nouns** in the sentences.

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Examples: Johnny, New York, February

Henry plays games on his computer.

Mr. Fan runs in the park every Sunday.

Caroline lives in an apartment on Caton Avenue.

Jacob is taking a plane to California.

The zoo will be closed on Labor Day.

Nina's birthday is in March.

My family eats turkey on Thanksgiving.

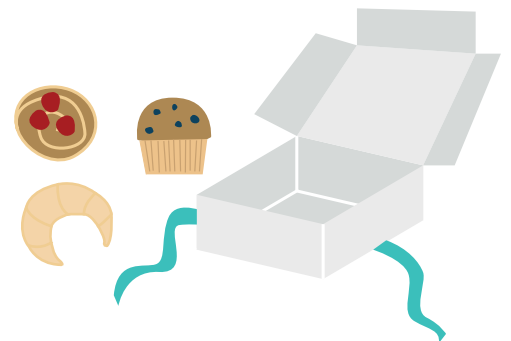
Kim is having a picnic with Liam in Central Park.

Uncle Ted lives by the lake in Wisconsin.

Did you see Winston at the party on Friday?


Quinn saw Venus through her telescope.

Ms. Brady bought us delicious pastries from the Sweet Spot.



GREAT GRAMMAR!

HI, I'M JOEY.



A PROPER NOUN is a specific PERSON, PLACE or THING.
Always capitalize proper nouns.

Joey is a superhero. He is a super **boy!**
 ↪ proper noun common noun ↪

Identify each underlined noun as common or proper in each sentence.

1. I think he takes off his mask when he goes home.

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2. Joey has a super suit that he likes to wear.

3. We heard about him on television.

4. He leapt the Empire State Building in a single bound.

5. He saved Ms. Kitty who was stuck in a tree.

6. Carrie saw him fly in the sky.

Replace the underlined common noun fragment with a proper noun.

7. He flew through the city.

8. Let's go to the store to buy a comic book.

9. My brother has an cape just like his.

10. I will go to the park and pretend to be a superhero.

11. The boy flew up to the clouds.



How is a proper noun different from a common noun?

12. _____

Name: _____

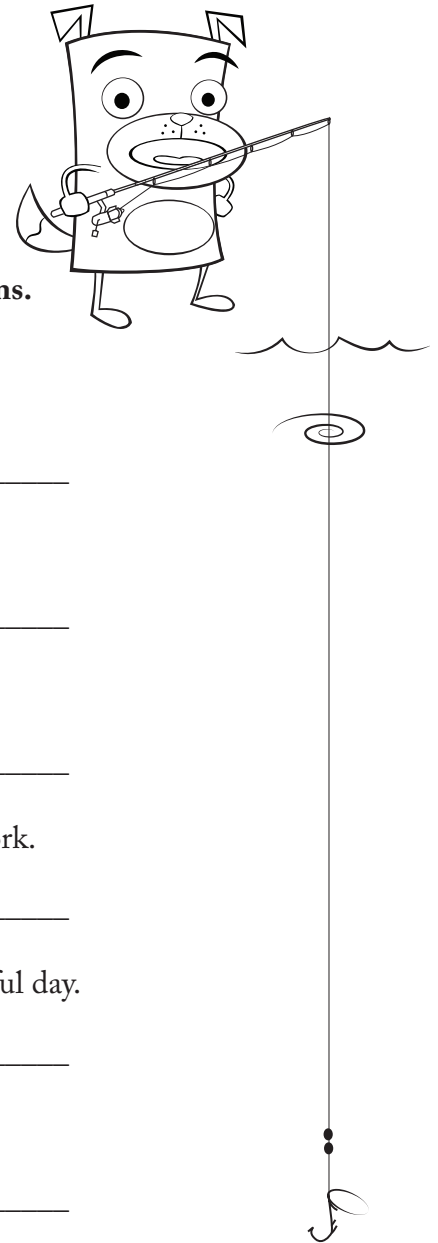
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Fishing for Proper Nouns

Proper Nouns are nouns that name specific people, places, or things.

- Proper nouns are capitalized. Ex: Jacksonville
- If the proper noun has more than one word, capitalize only the important words. Ex: Statue of Liberty

Directions: Read the sentences below and circle all of the proper nouns. Then write them on the lines.



1. Jerrod enjoyed his visit to the Pacific Ocean over the summer.

2. Jason and Jenny brought their fishing poles to the pond after school.

3. The group took a boat called Shiny Star out on a Sunday.

4. I caught some bass at the mouth of the St. Lawrence River in New York.

5. There were many boats out on Clear Lake in California on the beautiful day.

6. My father likes to take me to the Tennessee River on Labor Day.

7. On Sunday, we went to Fishing Gear Company to buy fishing poles and bait.

8. The small pond in the Farmingdale neighborhood was full of fish in May.

9. Mr. Johnson told my class about the Great Lakes as a great spot to visit.

10. He learned to fish when he was on a Boy Scouts trip in Idaho.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Find the Common Nouns

Directions: Read the sentences below and highlight all of the **common nouns** that you find. The number at the end of the sentence shows you how many common nouns you should find.

A **common noun** is a noun that names any person, place, or thing. It does not name a particular person, place, or thing, and does not need to be capitalized.

Example: girl, school, company



1. I loved staying at your house this week. (2)
2. I am lucky to spend time with my friend! (2)
3. We saw one alligator in the pond. (2)
4. I enjoyed going to the park to play on the playground. (2)
5. We ate good food all week, too. (2)
6. In the future, I hope we can visit the aquarium to see the fish. (3)
7. I hope you had a great time. (1)
8. Please come visit my house soon. (1)

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Common Noun Ice Cream Floats

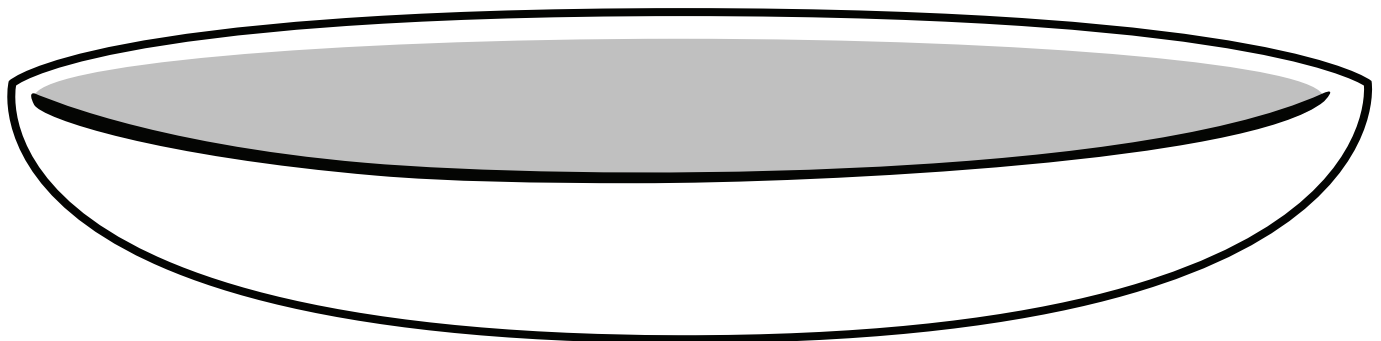
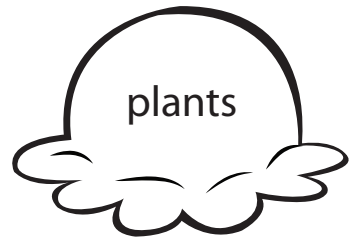
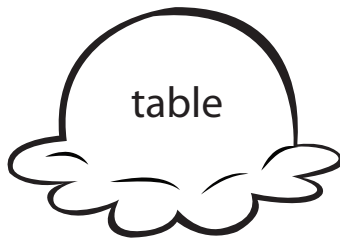
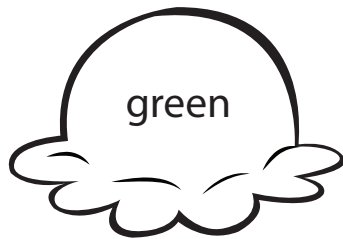
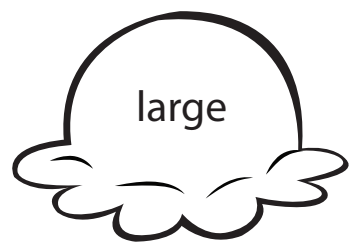
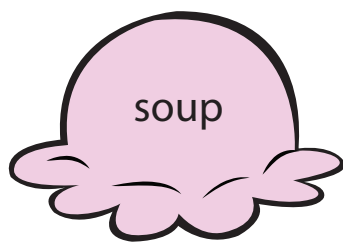
A **common noun** names a person, place, or thing. It is not specific.

Example: school

Non-example: Beedee Elementary School



Directions: Color the ice cream scoops that are labeled with common nouns. Put an **X** through the ice cream scoops that are not labeled with common nouns. For added fun, cut out the colored ice cream scoops and build a float in the empty bowl! An example has been done for you.



Make It Proper

Identify and write a **proper noun** in the right column that goes with the **common noun** in the left column.

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Common Noun

Proper Noun

month

country

planet

city

athlete

street

holiday

president

ocean

river

