

✦ The names of **special days** and **celebrations** are also proper nouns.

New Year's Day

Veterans' Day

Mother's Day

Thanksgiving

Independence Day

Memorial Day

Valentine's Day

Halloween

Labor Day

Christmas

Ramadan

Yom Kippur

✦ The names of **famous places, buildings** and **monuments** are proper nouns.

Big Ben

the Taj Mahal

Graceland

the Eiffel Tower

the Sydney Opera House

the Golden Gate

Buckingham Palace

Bridge the Great Wall

the Leaning Tower of Pisa

of China Chaco

✦ The names of **people who live in a particular country** are also proper nouns.

country	people	country	people
Afghanistan	Afghans	Samoa	Samoans
Australia	Australians	New Zealand	New Zealanders
Britain	the British	Pakistan	Pakistanis
China	the Chinese	the Philippines	Filipinos
France	the French	Russia	Russians
Germany	Germans	Nicaragua	Nicaraguans
India	Indians	South Africa	South Africans
Indonesia	Indonesians	Spain	Spaniards
Italy	Italians	Switzerland	the Swiss
Japan	the Japanese	Thailand	Thais
Korea	Koreans	USA	Americans
Malaysia	Malaysians	Vietnam	the Vietnamese

Nouns: Proper Nouns

These common nouns are words for **people** who do certain things.

singer	manager	sailor	gardener
dancer	secretary	pilot	police officer
artist	teacher	driver	plumber
photographer	doctor	writer	farmer
magician	dentist	friend	clerk
athlete	lawyer	brother	technician

Proper Nouns

The names of particular people, places and things are **proper nouns**. They always **begin with a capital letter**.

These **people's names** are proper nouns.

Robin Hood	Florence Nightingale	Mom	Miss Park
Aladdin	Muhammad Ali	Dad	Mrs. Taylor
Frankenstein	George Washington	Granny	Mr. Young
Harry Potter	David Beckham	Grandad	Dr. Lee
Santa Claus	Julia Roberts	Uncle David	Professor Raj
Mahatma Gandhi	Nelson Mandela	Aunt Diana	Jose
Confucius	Alex Rodriguez	Ms. Hall	Yang Ming

The names of the **days of the week** and the **months of the year** are proper nouns.

days of the week

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

months

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December



Parts of Speech with Examples

1. Noun

Noun is a name of anything, it may be the name of a place, person, place or things or ideas. I.e. **house**, **cup**, **teacher**, **city**, **shop** etc.

Examples of noun

My **teacher** is a very nice **person**.

John is a clever **boy**.

Amy is going to **Spain** on next **month**.

The parts of speech

What are parts of speech?

They are eight categories of words defined in terms of their purpose, place, meaning, and use within sentences.

The categories are **nouns**, **pronouns**, **verbs**, **adjectives**, **adverbs**, **prepositions**, **conjunctions**, and **interjections**.

Parts of Speech



Singular Nouns

Nouns can be **singular** or **plural**.

When you are talking about just one thing or person, use a **singular noun**.
For example:

a tent	a park	an idea
a taxi	a doctor	an oven
a house	a lady	an exercise

Plural Nouns

Use a **plural noun** when you are talking about two or more people, places or things.

Just add **s** to make most nouns plural.

singular	plural	singular	plural
a computer	computers	a mountain	mountains
a chair	chairs	a river	rivers
a train	trains	an envelope	envelopes
a player	players	an insect	insects
a teacher	teachers	an oven	ovens
a taxi	taxis	an uncle	uncles

Notes

- Words called **articles** or **determiners** are used to signal nouns.

a river	an armchair	three biscuits
a castle	an idea	five eggs

- The article **an** is used before nouns that begin with the **vowels** *a, e, i, o* and *u*.

an artist	an eye	an insect
an oven	an umbrella	

- The article **a** is used before nouns that begin with the other letters, called **consonants**. But some words don't follow these rules.

- a uniform, a unit, a user*: **a**, not **an**, is used because the vowel **u** in these words is pronounced like the word **you**;
- an hour, an heir, an honor*: **an**, not **a**, is used because the consonant **h** in these words is not pronounced.

Exercise 1

Write each common noun under the correct heading.

theater
doctor
elephant

lion
restaurant
kangaroo

father
builder
museum

brother
stove
library

things

animals

places

people

Exercise 2

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

1. I told Uncle John about my accident.
2. Kim and Stephanie wore masks on Halloween.
3. The lawnmower is broken.
4. We're going to the movies tomorrow.
5. The lion is playing with one of its cubs.
6. My sister's favorite soccerplayer is David Beckham.
7. I'm watching a videotape about the Sahara Desert.
8. The tourists visited Rome and saw the Colosseum.
9. Does this bus go to the stadium?
10. We're reading a story about a boy called Harry Potter.

Exercise 3

Read the following passage containing common nouns and proper nouns. Put a C in the box after a common noun and a P in the box after a proper noun.

Mr. Peters ☐ lives in Maine ☐ in a big house ☐ by the sea ☐. He has three cats ☐
and a dog ☐. He likes to travel to different countries ☐. Last Christmas ☐, he went
to Paris ☐ and saw the Eiffel Tower ☐. He enjoyed eating French food ☐ in nice
restaurants ☐.

1 Nouns

There are two main types of nouns: **common nouns** and **proper nouns**.

Common Nouns

Words for people, places and things are called **common nouns**.

These common nouns are words for **things**.

ruler	chair	hammer	bicycle	truth
pen	table	saw	ship	calculator
crayons	sofa	axe	truck	television
pencil	loyalty	drill	ferry	fridge
book	lamp	ladder	train	cooker
dictionary	carpet	lawnmower	bus	computer
courage	telephone	spade	laziness	printer

These common nouns are words for **animals**. Notice that special names for **young animals** are included.

animal	its young	animal	its young
dog	puppy	fox	cub
Cat	kitten	elephant	calf
Cow	calf	kangaroo	joey
horse	Foal	bear	cub
sheep	lamb	lion	cub
goat	kid	tiger	cub
frog		whale	calf

These common nouns are words for **places**.

bank	airport	school	post office
hotel	gas station	university	police station
library	park	office	restaurant
museum	farm	mosque	supermarket
mall	zoo	temple	stadium
theater	factory	shop	synagogue
hospital	nursery	gym	church

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➤ Nouns that end in **s, ss, ch, sh** or **x**, are made plural by adding **es**

singular	plural	singular	plural
bus	buses	sandwich	sandwiches
glass	glasses	witch	witches
dress	dresses	brush	brushes
branch	branches	flash	flashes
church	churches	box	boxes
beach	beaches	fox	foxes

➤ Most nouns that end in **y** are made plural by changing the **y** to **i** and adding **es**.

singular	plural
baby	babies
family	families
story	stories
teddy	teddies
fairy	fairies
puppy	puppies
housefly	houseflies
library	libraries
city	cities
lily	lilies
party	parties
dictionary	dictionaries



➤ Nouns that have a **vowel** before the **y** are made plural by simply adding **s** at the end.

singular	plural	singular	plural
key	keys	day	days
monkey	monkeys	tray	trays
donkey	donkeys	runway	runways
toy	toys	chimney	chimneys
boy	boys	trolley	trolleys
cowboy	cowboys	valley	valleys