

# Common and Proper Nouns

Let's Do!

What do you see in the picture below?



Write the names of what you see here.

1. Townsend ..... Library
2. Adil ..... Street
3. Donny ..... the duck



# Let's Learn

What you saw in the picture on the page 13 are **nouns**.

You have learned that:



**Nouns** are naming words for people, places, animals, birds and things.



## Common and proper nouns

1. Some nouns are general naming words. They tell us **who** and **what**. These are called **common nouns**.

**Example:** building, road, duck

2. Some nouns give us exact names of people, places and things. These nouns are called **proper nouns**.

**Example:** Townsend Library, Adil Street, Donny

common nouns	proper nouns
boy	Karthik
girl	Rini
city	Jaipur
day	Monday

### Remember

A proper noun always begins with a capital letter.

## Let's Practise

1. Underline the common nouns and circle the proper nouns in the sentences below. The first one has been done for you.

- a. This guitar has nine strings. It belongs to Mr Mendez.
- b. I know Pubali. She is a nice girl.
- c. My pet birds are singing. Their names are Chirpy and Burpy.
- d. This cake is very good. My aunt bought it from the Cake House.
- e. Raj is watering the plants.





f. We are waiting for Manoj. He is our friend.

g. Rita, have you met my cousin, Tom?

2. Rewrite the following sentences capitalizing the proper nouns.

a. Have you seen the taj mahal? It's in Agra.

Have you seen the Taj Mahal? It's in Agra.

b. There is a lake beside my house. The name of the lake is lily lake.

There is a lake beside my house. The name of the lake is Lily Lake.

c. My pet dog, bruno, loves to play with birds.

My pet dog, Bruno, loves to play with birds.

d. I have two sisters—ameena and sabina.

I have two sisters - Ameena and Sabina.

e. Everyone loves gurpreet because he is very well-mannered.

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3. In some of the sentences below, capital letters have been used wrongly. Put a tick (✓) against the correct sentences. Put a cross (x) against the incorrect sentences and rewrite them using capital letters correctly.

a. My Cousins, ritu and deepak, will come to visit me.

X

My cousins, Ritu and Deepak, will come to visit me.

b. New Delhi is the Capital of India.

X

New Delhi is the capital of India.



c. The President of India lives in New Delhi.



d. I have a pet Dog, called Scamper.



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e. Mr and Mrs Iyer are travelling to Chennai.



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## Activity

Let's play this fun game.

- Write ten different nouns, for example, woman, Kolkata, teacher, train, mango, Rukmini, week, Monday, etc. on ten pieces of paper.
- Make two cards. Name the cards *common noun* and *proper noun*.
- Two students will hold up the cards.
- Put all the pieces of paper together and give them to your teacher.
- Your teacher will give you back a piece of paper. Read the word written on it.
- If you have a common noun written on your piece of paper, stand near the friend holding the *common noun* card.
- If a friend is given a paper with proper noun, she will stand next to the *proper noun* card.
- The game will go on until all the nouns are divided into two groups represented by the two cards.

## Revision

- A common noun does not start with ... capital letter.
- All proper nouns start with ... a capital letter.