

Lesson 1

Common and Proper Nouns

Keep in mind children:

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

Let's Practice

1. Underline the common nouns and circle the proper nouns in the sentences below .

a. This guitar has nine strings. It belongs to Mr. Mendez.

Common noun- guitar

Proper noun – Mr. Mendez

b. I know Pubali. She is a nice girl.

Common noun- girl

Proper noun- Pubali

c. My pet birds are singing. Their names are Chirpy and Burpy.

Common noun- birds

Proper noun- Chirpy and Burpy

d. This cake is very good. My aunt bought it from the Cake House.

Common noun- cake

Proper noun- Cake House

e. Raj is watering the plants.

Common noun- plants

Proper noun- raj

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

Common noun- friend

Proper noun- Manoj

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

Common noun- cousin

Proper noun- Rita, 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.
- Everyone loves Gurpreet because he is very well-mannered.

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)
Correct Sentence: My cousins, Ritu and Deepak, will come to visit me.
- b. New Delhi is the Capital of India. (x)
Correct sentence: New Delhi is the capital of India.
- c. The President of India lives in New Delhi. (✓)
- d. I have a pet Dog, called Scamper. (x)
Correct sentence: I have a pet dog, called Scamper.
- e. Mr. and Mrs. Iyer are travelling to Chennai. (x)
Correct sentence: Mr. and Mrs. Iyer are travelling to Chennai.