

14.1 The Noun • Practice 1

A noun is the name of a person, place, or thing.

People	Places	Things
Dr. Linsley	Treasure Island	ship
Jim Hawkins	island	barrel
pirate	mountain	plot
crew	cave	robbery

Ideas
 freedom
 happiness
 love

Exercise 1 Recognizing Nouns. Underline each noun in the sentences below.

EXAMPLE: Mrs. Nelson has postponed the test until Monday.

- Several reporters arrived at the scene to interview the survivors.
- Many young children are afraid of the dark.
- Our neighbors spent their vacation in the mountains.
- Jason found his missing sneaker under the couch.
- Amanda wants to see that movie, too.
- Without Nancy, our team will surely lose.
- That tree hasn't lost a single leaf yet.
- The architect planned for a fountain in the lobby.
- Phil told only his parents about this fear.
- Marc cannot see much without his glasses.

Exercise 2 Adding Nouns to Sentences. Fill in each blank in the following sentences with an appropriate noun.

EXAMPLE: Alison ordered a sandwich with mustard.

- The _____ I found had _____ inside.
- A(n) _____ stopped the _____ at the corner.
- We asked the _____ to bring us some _____.
- _____ promised me a(n) _____.
- The last _____ was a(n) _____.
- A large _____ grows beside the _____.
- _____ works at the _____.
- Some _____ enjoy _____.
- _____ makes delicious _____.
- The _____ took a trip to _____.

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The Noun • Practice 2

Exercise 1

Identifying Nouns. Underline the nouns in each sentence below.

EXAMPLE: My favorite author is James Ullman.

1. James Ullman wrote many books and stories.
2. Ullman was born in America, but also lived in the mountains of Tibet.
3. This experienced adventurer loved to climb mountains.
4. Ullman joined an expedition to climb Mount Everest.
5. The climb is described in a novel.
6. Another story by Ullman unfolds in the Amazon.
7. People enjoy the adventures described in his books.
8. Readers admire his knowledge and his daring. → (If it had been "daring adventures" it would have been an adj.)
9. Ullman traveled throughout the world as a reporter.
10. This famous man was a traveler, a writer, and a fascinating person.
11. I also like to read the works of Jack London.
12. Many of his stories also have snowy settings and interesting characters.
13. This author once went to Alaska to look for gold.
14. When he was fourteen years old, London had to leave school and go to work.
15. After many different jobs and adventures, London began a career as a writer.

Exercise 2

More Work With Nouns. Follow the directions for Exercise 1.

1. The proper ingredients for making bread are flour, water, milk, butter, and yeast.
2. First, dissolve the yeast in warm water.
3. Add sugar and flour and let the mixture rise in a bowl.
4. Add warm milk and more flour and knead the dough on a wooden board.
5. Again, let the dough rise, punch it down, shape it, and bake each loaf for thirty minutes.
6. Remove loaves from the oven and let them cool in their pans for a short while.
7. Then, take the bread out of the loaf pans and place each loaf on a cooling rack. → If you said "loaf pans," that is acceptable as it often is considered a compound noun (working together as one noun).
8. Keep your cats away from the kitchen while the bread is cooling.
9. Curious cats will sometimes try to sample your food.
10. With dinner, you might want to dip chunks of the bread in olive oil.

Writing Application

Using Nouns to Describe a Room. List ten nouns that name things you can see in your classroom or in a room in your home. Then, use the nouns to write a paragraph describing the room. Underline the ten nouns.

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Common and Proper Nouns • Practice 1

A common noun names any one of a group of people, places, or things. A proper noun names a specific person, place, or thing. The important words in proper nouns are always capitalized.

Common Nouns		Proper Nouns	
planet	language	Uranus	Russian
street	day	Market Place	New Year's Day
horse	train	Flicka	the Silver Meteor
woman	story	Mrs. Bailey	"A Day's Wait"

Exercise 1 Recognizing Proper Nouns. Write the proper noun in each sentence below on the line after the sentence. Use capital letters correctly.

EXAMPLE: Our former neighbors now live on maple street. Maple Street

- Fireworks are traditional on the fourth of July. Fourth of July
- The new principal is Mrs. Jacobson. Mrs. Jacobson
- Every year my aunt takes her children to see Santa Claus. Santa Claus
- We play our last game against the Lancers. Lancers (a team)
- The beach boys will perform at the festival. Beach Boys (a band)
- We have a family reunion every August. August
- That poem was written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- The box on the hall table came from Uncle Albert. Uncle Albert
- That bestseller has just been translated into Japanese. Japanese
- Did you take the stairs to the top of the Washington Monument? Washington Monument

Exercise 2 Distinguishing Between Common and Proper Nouns. Write each noun from the box in its proper column. Write a related noun in the other column to complete the chart. The first two are done for you.

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|-------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. book | 3. building | 5. comic strip | 7. Sitting Bull | 9. school |
| 2. Broadway | 4. capital | 6. Yankee Stadium | 8. Eleanor Roosevelt | 10. South America |

COMMON NOUNS

- book
- street
- building
- capital
- comic strip
- ballpark
- Indian chief
- first lady
- school
- continent

PROPER NOUNS

- The Time Machine
- Broadway
- Empire State Building
- Sante Fe
- Mutt and Jeff
- Yankee Stadium
- Sitting Bull
- Eleanor Roosevelt
- Julliard School of Music
- South America

14.1 Common and Proper Nouns • Practice 2

Exercise 1 Identifying Common and Proper Nouns. Below are two columns labeled Common Nouns and Proper Nouns. Write each noun listed below in the correct column. Then, for each common noun, write a related proper noun. For each proper noun, write a related common noun.

- EXAMPLE:** **Common Nouns** **Proper Nouns**
 car Model-T
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| 1. ① singer | ⑤ Poland | ⑧ girl |
| 2. Lake Superior | ⑥ football team | ⑨ Einstein |
| 3. ③ computer | ⑦ university | ⑩ Franklin D. Roosevelt |
| 4. ④ neighbor | | |

	COMMON NOUNS		PROPER NOUNS
1.	Singer	→	_____
2.	lake		_____
3.	computer		_____
4.	neighbor		_____
5.	country	←	Poland
6.	football team		_____
7.	university		_____
8.	girl		_____
9.	scientist	←	Einstein
10.	president	←	Franklin D. Roosevelt

Exercise 2 More Work With Common and Proper Nouns. Follow the directions for Exercise 1.

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| 1. China | 5. Spanish | 8. friend |
| 2. Wrigley Field | 6. George Washington | 9. San Diego |
| 3. school | 7. gulf | 10. canal |
| 4. Civil War | | |

	COMMON NOUNS		PROPER NOUNS
1.	_____		_____
2.	_____		_____
3.	_____		_____
4.	_____		_____
5.	_____		_____
6.	_____		_____
7.	_____		_____
8.	_____		_____
9.	_____		_____
10.	_____		_____