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Common and Proper Nouns

Nouns can be classified as common or proper nouns. It is important to distinguish between these two types of nouns because each has its usage in a sentence.

Common Nouns

A common noun names a person, a place, a thing, or an animal. A common noun can be countable or uncountable.

Countable nouns are things that we can count using numbers. They have plural forms (usually by adding “s” or “es”).

e.g. book ← countable noun



singular form

Jason has one **book**.



plural form

Maria has three **books**.

Uncountable nouns are things that we cannot count using numbers. They do not have a plural form.

e.g.  knowledge ← uncountable noun
(abstract idea)

I gain knowledge in school.



water ← uncountable noun
(too small to count)

I drink water every day.

Note

Uncountable nouns are usually abstract ideas or objects that are too small to count individually.



Proper Nouns

A proper noun names a specific person, place, thing, or animal. All proper nouns begin with a capital letter.

e.g. **Mama Rita's Pizza Palace**

↳ the name of a pizza shop

I like eating at Mama Rita's Pizza Palace.

Many proper nouns are long. They are often titles and/or names, like book or movie titles and names of sports teams.



My favourite sports team is the Toronto Blue Jays.


My favourite movie is The Wizard of Oz.



Nouns

Common Nouns

Countable Nouns

e.g. 
two bees

Uncountable Nouns

e.g. 
snow

Proper Nouns

e.g. 
Toronto (a city)

A. Write the nouns to show whether they are countable or uncountable. Then give two more examples for each category.

Remember that countable nouns are things you can actually count. If you can use the phrase "How many?" with the noun, then it is most likely countable; if you have to use "How much?", then it is uncountable.



Nouns

love	bag	beauty	spoon
air	class	cookie	wind
bottle	egg	fear	fire
gift	sand	milk	puddle



Countable

My examples:



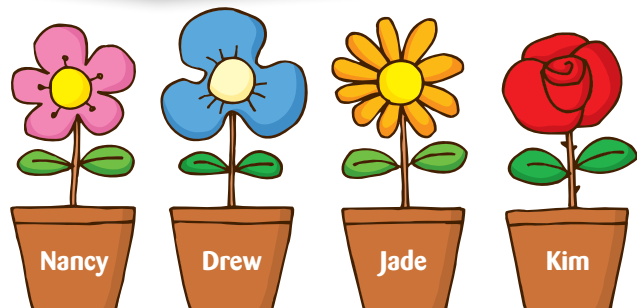
Uncountable

My examples:

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct nouns.

1. When I saw the knight draw his sword, I knew he had a lot of _____ (courage/courages).
2. Jenny was mad at her two _____ (brother/brothers).
3. Shane and Janet were excited to go on that _____ (ride/rides) at the amusement park.
4. The miners found so much _____ (gold/golds).
5. Tanya was hoping her _____ (luck/lucks) would not end.
6. There are many _____ (lake/lakes) in Canada.
7. After a while, the runner lost _____ (steam/steams).
8. Ana painted all her _____ (nail/nails) blue.
9. The airplane was running low on _____ (fuel/fuels).
- 10.

Last week, my students planted four _____ (flower/flowers).



C. Read each sentence. Underline the proper noun for the coloured common noun.

1. The Art Gallery of Ontario is a beautiful **building**.

2. The Golden Gate Bridge is a very famous **bridge**.

3. Sebastian went to the Royal Ontario Museum, which is a very beautiful **museum**.

4. "Jack and Jill" is an old **nursery rhyme**.

5. "The Chronicles of Narnia" is a **book series** written by C. S. Lewis.

6. They call New York the **city** of lights.

7. My parents bought me a **dog**. I called him Coco!

8. The largest **continent** in the world is Asia.

9. Our family **doctor** is Dr. Spinelli. He's great!

10. My dad bought us tickets to see my favourite **team**, the Toronto Maple Leafs.



D. Fill in the blanks with the correct proper nouns.



Proper Nouns

Green Eggs and Ham
 Beauty and the Beast
 Royal Botanical Gardens
 Adeline Maria de Luna
 Ontario Science Centre
 Oxford Street

Great Wall of China

1. The _____ is one of the Seven Wonders of the World.
2. There are cool science experiments to see at the _____.
3. The _____ in Melbourne, Australia is a famous park.
4. _____ is my favourite Disney movie.
5. _____ is a funny children's book.
6. The new girl stood in front of the class and said, "Hello, my name is _____."
7. Lily lives on _____.