

Common and Proper Nouns



Hi my name is Naomi Noun and I like naming things. My job is to make sure people, places and animals have a name.

WALT: Recognise and use common and proper nouns.

WILF: I can discuss the difference between a common noun and a proper noun. I know that proper nouns always start with capital letters. I can use common and proper nouns in my own writing.

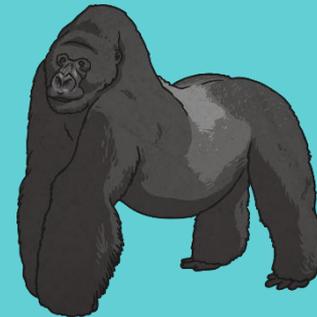
Getting Started

What is a **noun**?

A noun is a naming word. They are used to identify a person, place, object, animal or idea. There are several different types of noun; we most commonly use 'common nouns'.

So, what is a **common noun**?

Common nouns are the general names for people, places, objects or animals. For example:

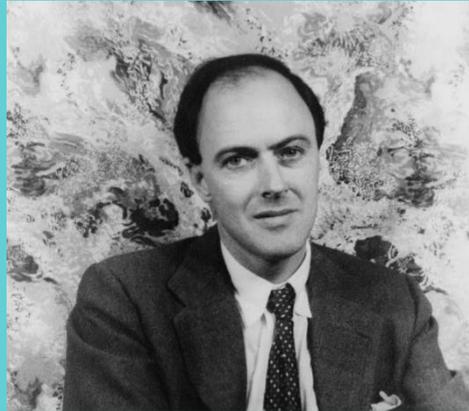


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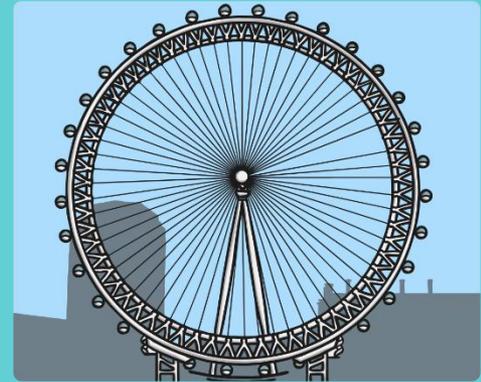
Proper nouns are different in that they name a **specific place, object or person**. They should also always start with a **capital letter**.



Sydney



Roald Dahl



London Eye

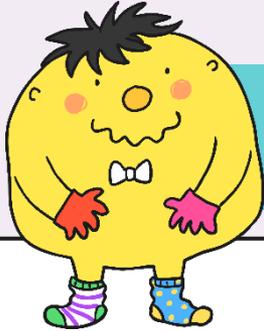
Months of the year, days of the week, some religious events and brand names are also considered to be **proper nouns**.

Next Steps

Could you help me to fill in this common noun and proper noun chart?
The first missing answer is completed for you:

Common Noun	Proper Noun
woman	J. K. Rowling
country	
	Africa
cartoon character	
famous landmark	
	August
day of the week	
city	
restaurant	

Proper Noun Hunt



Can you spot the missing capital letters for the proper nouns in Mr Whoops' letter?

12 green lane,
whoopsville,
W3 TXD

Dear mr williams,

I am writing to you to complain about my recent visit to your supermarket, costsavers, on thursday 12th january, 2017. After a recent holiday in europe (where I visited portugal, spain and italy), I came to your store to purchase some ingredients to make a mediterranean meal like the one I had eaten near the colosseum.

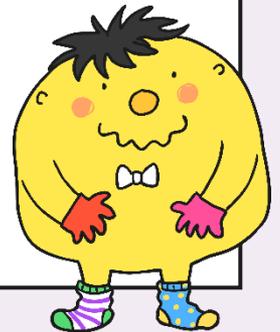
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Proper Noun Hunt Continued

Whilst on your fruit and vegetable aisle, I accidentally tripped over a red onion and two of your shop assistants, whose name badges read daniel and julie, proceeded to laugh at me hysterically. They never offered me any help or assistance. I was appalled.

I raced outside, got into my car and went straight home empty-handed. I had to phone my local branch of palace pizzas to order a takeaway meal. I will not be coming back in your shop until I get a full apology. If I don't receive a letter by wednesday 1st march, I am even considering writing to whoopsville council or the prime minister to express my disgust.

Yours sincerely, mr whoops.



Proper Noun Hunt

Which proper nouns did you spot that needed capital letters?
Could we sort them into this table?

Specific Places	Specific People	Specific Objects	Months of the Year	Days of the Week	Brand/ Company Names
Green Lane Whoopsville Europe Spain Portugal Italy Mediterranean	Mr Williams Daniel Julie Mr Whoops Prime Minister	Colosseum	January March	Thursday Wednesday	Costsavers Pizza Palace

Quiz Question 1

Can you spot all the nouns? Which ones are **common nouns**? Which ones are **proper nouns**?

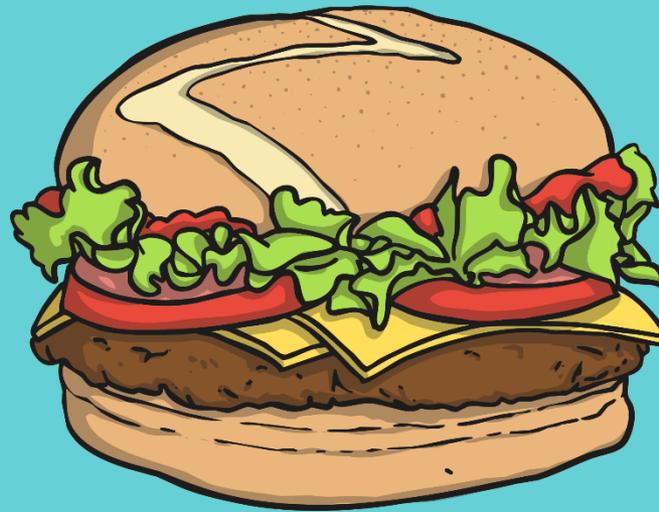
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Proper nouns and **Common Nouns**

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Quiz Question 2

If I say a common noun, can you name a more specific proper noun?
e.g. cat - Garfield

dinosaur - ?

pop star - ?

football team - ?

Quiz Question 3

Which words are the proper nouns in the following sentences?

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- b) Last year, I went on a fortnight's holiday to athens.
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Plenary

Let's Play!

Do you think you could shout out a proper noun for each letter of the alphabet before you run out of time?

It might be a person's name, a country, a landmark, a city or town, a month or day, an event or a brand name.

You must think quickly!