

## Common Nouns and Proper Nouns

A noun, in general, refers to people, animals, places, or things.

Nouns are divided into **common nouns** and **proper nouns**.

**Common Nouns:** A common noun is a noun that refers to any people, animals, places, or things. A common noun is not specific. We do not capitalize any of the common nouns.

Below are examples of common nouns.

<b>These are words for people. They are common nouns.</b>	<b>These are words for animals. They are common nouns.</b>	<b>These are words for places. They are common nouns.</b>	<b>These are words for things. They are common nouns.</b>
actor astronaut aunt baby baker barber cook dentist lawyer judge nurse police officer teacher	bird eagle crocodile deer lizard zebra	airport beach cave church farm hospital hotel market restaurant school	basket bed blanket cake cup drum kite picture radio television truck

**Proper Nouns:** A proper noun is a noun that refers to specific people, animals, places, or things. A proper noun is specific. We do capitalize the proper nouns. Below are examples of proper nouns.

**These are words for people. They are proper nouns.**

John  
Robin Hood  
Santa Claus  
Tom Wilson  
Americans  
Indians  
Jamaicans  
Japanese  
The French

**The names of countries and their people are also proper nouns.**

<b><u>Names of Countries</u></b>	<b><u>People</u></b>
America	Americans
India	Indians
Jamaica	Jamaicans
Japan	Japanese
France	The French

**The names of towns, cities, buildings and landmarks are proper nouns.**

Central Park  
Hong Kong  
The Great Wall of China  
The White House

**The days of the week and months of the year are proper nouns.**

<b><u>Days</u></b>	<b><u>Months</u></b>
Monday	January
Tuesday	.....
Wednesday	March
Thursday	.....
Friday	
Saturday	December

**The names of mountains, seas, rivers and lakes are proper nouns.**

Mount Everest      Niagara Falls      the Dead Sea      the Pacific Ocean

**The names of festivals, some special events and holidays are proper nouns.**

Christmas

Easter

Father's Day

Halloween

Independence Day

Labor Day

Mother's Day

New Year's Day

**Check your progress.**

Underline the proper nouns in the following sentences.

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