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## Nouns I



common, proper

### Get set

Write a name for each.

- |                      |       |              |       |
|----------------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| 1. a boy             | _____ | 2. a girl    | _____ |
| 3. a country         | _____ | 4. a city    | _____ |
| 5. a day of the week | _____ | 6. a holiday | _____ |

### Let us read

Read the passage aloud. Pay attention to the italicised and underlined words.

The *girls* are playing. Renu is throwing the *ball*. Sudeshna is catching it. Their *dog*, Bruno, is also playing with them.

The *girls* play **volleyball** every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Every *weekend*, they go to the *pool*.

Tomorrow, they have a *holiday*. They will celebrate Holi with their *friends*, Parul and Gayatri.

The *girls* went to Italy last December with their *parents*. They saw *gondolas* in Venice. They enjoyed the *trip* a lot.



**gondola**

**volleyball:** a game in which two teams use their hands to hit a large ball backwards and forwards over a high net without allowing the ball to touch the ground

The italicised words are general names of people, animals, places and things. Nouns that are general names are called **common nouns**.

The underlined words refer to the names of particular people, days, months, festivals and places. Nouns that are specific names are called **proper nouns**. They always begin with a capital letter.

### Remember

**Nouns** are naming words. They are names of people, animals, places and things.

### Let us practise

A. Look at the words in the cloud and say if they are common nouns or proper nouns.

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1. month
  2. Christmas
  3. toy
  4. Rajesh
  5. city
  6. river
  7. Taj Mahal
  8. Europe
  9. Chennai
  10. elephant
  11. Perna
  12. house
  13. Goa
  14. island
  15. Greenland
  16. bird

Now, write the proper nouns on the left and the common nouns on the right in the table.

proper nouns	common nouns
1. <b>Christmas</b>	1. <b>month</b>
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.

B. Tick (✓) if the underlined word in each sentence is a common noun or a proper noun.

1. Rajesh is playing the piano.

common noun  proper noun

2. Sachin walked out to bat.

common noun  proper noun

3. The name of my dog is Brownie.

common noun  proper noun

4. India celebrates Independence Day on 15 August.

common noun  proper noun

5. Mt Everest is the highest peak in the world.

common noun  proper noun



## Let us listen

Listen carefully to the poem and fill in the blanks using proper nouns.

Thirty days has September, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

All the rest have thirty-one.

Not \_\_\_\_\_; it's a different one!

It has twenty-eight, that's fine.

A leap year makes it twenty-nine.

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## Let us speak

Work in pairs. Take turns to ask and answer the questions.

1. What is your name?
2. Which school do you study in?
3. Which country are you from?
4. Which is your favourite day of the week?
5. Which month were you born in?

**Did your partner use proper nouns to answer the questions?  
 Discuss in class.**

## Let us write

**A. Complete the passage with the common nouns and proper nouns given in the box.**

marble    Agra    wife    world    tourists    Yamuna



Emperor Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal in \_\_\_\_\_ . He built it in memory of his \_\_\_\_\_ , Mumtaz Mahal. It is made of \_\_\_\_\_ . It is on the banks of the river \_\_\_\_\_ . It is one of the most famous buildings in the \_\_\_\_\_ . Every year, millions of \_\_\_\_\_ come to visit the Taj Mahal.

**B. Complete the following sentences using proper nouns of your own.**

1. My best friend's name is \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. She lives in \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Her favourite book is \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Her cat is called \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. She is coming to our house next \_\_\_\_\_ .



## Activity

Here is a game you can play in class.

Your teacher will say a letter, for example A. Write a noun starting with that letter for each of the columns.

person	place	thing
Amrita	Agra	apple
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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I can recognise, understand and do the activities on common and proper nouns.







## 2

## Nouns II



singular, plural

### Get set

Look at these pictures. Are they showing one crow or more than one crow? Tick (✓) the correct boxes.



one

more than one



one

more than one

### Let us read

Read the passage carefully. Pay attention to the italicised and underlined words.



Many men and women were walking in the *park*. One *man* was walking a *dog*. One *woman* was jogging. Some boys were playing with a *ball*. One *boy* was flying a *kite*.

**jogging:** running at a slow, regular speed

Two girls were sitting on a *bench*. One *girl* was taking pictures.  
All the children were enjoying themselves.

The italicised words are used to talk about one person or thing. These are called **singular nouns**.

The underlined words are used to talk about more than one person or thing. These are called **plural nouns**.

### Remember

We add -s to the singular noun to form the plurals of many nouns.

Examples:

- pencil + -s = pencils
- flower + -s = flowers

We use singular noun + -es to form the plurals of nouns that end with -x, -s, -ch and -sh.

Examples:

- bus + -es = buses
- branch + -es = branches
- wish + -es = wishes
- fox + -es = foxes

We change the spellings of some nouns to form their plurals. They do not take -s or -es.

Examples:

- man—men
- child—children
- foot—feet
- woman—women
- goose—geese
- mouse—mice



## Let us practise

A. Look at the underlined words in these sentences. Are they singular nouns or plural nouns? Tick (✓) the correct box.

1. All the houses are painted red.

singular  plural

2. The children are playing volleyball.

singular  plural

3. My tooth is aching.

singular  plural

4. A woman is buying apples.

singular  plural

5. The boxes are kept under the table.

singular  plural



B. Fill in the blanks with the correct singular or plural nouns.

1. There is a small brown mouse (mouse/mice) in the garden.

2. All my \_\_\_\_\_ (friend/friends) are going to the party.

3. There were many \_\_\_\_\_  
 (bird/birds) flying in the sky.

4. The three \_\_\_\_\_ (fox/foxes)  
 are playing in the grass.

5. That pink teddy bear is my  
 favourite \_\_\_\_\_ (toy/toys).



## Let us listen

Listen to the sentences. Listen carefully to the nouns used in the sentences. If the singular and plural nouns are used correctly, write *correct*. Otherwise, write *incorrect*.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **incorrect** \_\_\_\_\_      2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_      4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. \_\_\_\_\_      6. \_\_\_\_\_

## Let us speak

Work in pairs. One of you will read out a singular noun given here. The other student will say the plural noun and use it in a sentence. Take turns.

- |          |         |           |
|----------|---------|-----------|
| 1. match | 2. bush | 3. rabbit |
| 4. toy   | 5. man  | 6. child  |

## Let us write

A. Complete the passage with the correct nouns.

There are three \_\_\_\_\_ (child/children) in the classroom.  
 They are sitting on a \_\_\_\_\_ (bench/benches). In the  
 classroom, there are five \_\_\_\_\_ (window/windows)  
 and two \_\_\_\_\_ (door/doors). There is also one  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (blackboard/blackboards) in a corner.