

Identifying Nouns and Subjects

A word that names a person, an animal, a place, or a thing is a **noun**. The noun that is doing something in a sentence is the **subject**. **Compound subjects** name two subjects with a **conjunction**.

nouns

My **dad** helped build the **house**.

subject

My **dad** helped build the house.

compound subject

My **dad and sister** helped build the house.

Identifying Nouns and Subjects

Identify the nouns in each sentence. Then, identify which noun is the subject of each sentence.

- 1 The machine dug a large hole.
- 2 Trucks carry lumber from the mill.
- 3 Lots of dirt is moved with a bulldozer.
- 4 Workers wear yellow hats.
- 5 This project costs builders a lot of money.
- 6 The new building will be a hospital.

Capitalizing Nouns

A word that names a person, an animal, a place, or a thing is a **noun**.

A **proper noun** names a particular person, animal, place, or thing. Proper nouns begin with **capital letters** and may be made up of more than one word. People's titles and important words in titles of books also begin with capital letters.

proper nouns

We met **Franklin** at **Tops Soda Shop** in **Lake City** on the **Fourth of July**.

proper nouns

The students listened while **Mr. Cline** read ***The Frog Prince***.

Capitalizing Nouns

Identify the proper nouns in each sentence and capitalize them correctly.

- 1 Our new puzzle is a photo of chicago.
- 2 Can you help alex put the games away?
- 3 Our cat fluffy is fascinated by the yo-yo.
- 4 Does mrs. ruiz still work at the toy store?
- 5 My uncle went to england and bought these puppets.
- 6 I sculpted the eiffel tower out of clay.

Common and Proper Nouns

A word that names a person, an animal, a place, or a thing is a **noun**.

Common nouns name any person, place, or thing. **Proper nouns** name a particular person, place, or thing.

Proper nouns begin with capital letters and may have more than one word.

People's titles, holidays, and important words in titles of books are capitalized.

proper nouns

Henry learned about the **Brooklyn Bridge**.

common noun

proper noun

The **photo** shows **President Lincoln** on **Christmas Day**.

Common and Proper Nouns

Identify the blue noun as common or proper.

- 1 We visited **Washington, DC** for a field trip.
- 2 The White House is located on **Pennsylvania Avenue**.
- 3 One **room** in the White House has blue wallpaper.
- 4 We counted 35 **bathrooms**!
- 5 **John Adams** was the first president to live in the White House.
- 6 **Flowers** bloomed in the rose garden.

Review Common and Proper Nouns

Common nouns name any person, animal, place, or thing. Proper nouns name a particular person, animal, place, or thing.

Proper nouns begin with capital letters and may have more than one word. People's titles, holidays, places, and important words in titles of books are capitalized.

common nouns
The **dog** we saw at the **park** is a *proper noun* **Saint Bernard**.

common nouns
The **party** at **the apartment** is to celebrate the *proper noun* **Fourth of July**.

Review Common and Proper Nouns

Identify the blue noun as common or proper.

- 1 **Captain Rogers** works at the fire station.
- 2 Do you have to wear a **uniform**?
- 3 The nearest fire station is in **Perry Township**.
- 4 **Hoses** are attached to fire hydrants.

Identify the proper nouns in each sentence that should be capitalized.

- 5 The washington monument is 555 feet tall!
- 6 We will drive through tennessee and virginia.
- 7 I hope miss jackson will be our bus driver.
- 8 On the poster, smokey bear warns about forest fires.

Connect to Writing: Using Common and Proper Nouns

Use exact nouns to make your writing clearer and more interesting. Exact nouns help your readers picture what you are writing about.

Less exact nouns

The **doctor** works at a **clinic**.

More exact nouns

Dr. Cassidy works at **Cleveland Clinic**.

Connect to Writing: Using Common and Proper Nouns

Change each sentence to replace the blue common noun with a proper noun.

- 1 We saw the **mountains**.
- 2 The **girl** took pictures with her new camera.
- 3 The bald eagle is one symbol for this **country**.
- 4 Everyone had fun at the **park**.