

# THE NOUN

**A noun is the name of a person, place, or thing.**

PERSONS	PLACES	THINGS
girl	town	earth
Abraham Lincoln	Central Avenue	citizenship

A common noun is a name common to a whole group of persons, places or things. A proper noun is the name of an individual person, place, or thing and must begin with a capital letter.

COMMON NOUNS	PROPER NOUNS
doctor	Dr. Miller, Judge Olson, President Carter
city	Philadelphia, Florida, Atlantic Ocean
month	February, Tuesday, Veterans' Day

**Identifying Nouns.** Underline all the nouns in the following sentences.

Example: Jim went quickly to the telephone and called the police.

1. Our house was designed by a local architect, David Wright.
2. The Dewey Decimal System is used to classify books in a library.
3. Either the President or the Vice-President will attend the conference in Geneva.
4. Clare Jordan, our secretary, read the minutes of the meeting.
5. Mrs. Johnson serves in the legislature in Springfield.
6. John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence.
7. My whole family was able to see the Kentucky Derby this year.
8. Dick likes football but finds baseball too slow.
9. John Adams was our second President.
10. The artist has several paintings at the exhibit this month.

**Common Nouns and Proper Nouns.** In the following sentences, decide which nouns are *proper nouns*. Rewrite them, using capital letters.

Example: Every summer he camps near green lake. Green Lake

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2. My sister will soon graduate from indiana university. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Our friends will leave soon for a tour of italy. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Maria is now a patient at oakland hospital. \_\_\_\_\_
5. My pen pal is a girl who lives in france. \_\_\_\_\_
6. We crossed the mississippi river soon after noon. \_\_\_\_\_
7. She has never been to australia or new zealand. \_\_\_\_\_
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10. Let's go to the parade on the fourth of july.      Fourth, July