

Common and Proper Nouns

RULES

A **common noun** names any person, place, or thing.

My **brother** went to the **park** last month.

A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, or thing.

John went to **Oceanside Park** last

Notice that a proper noun always begins with a capital letter. If a proper noun has more than one word, each important word begins with a capital letter.

	Common Nouns	Proper Nouns
Person	brother	John
Place	park	Oceanside Park
Thing	day holiday	Sunday Thanksgiving

Guided Practice

Find the nouns in each sentence. Put an **X** next to each is a **common noun** and a '**T**' to the **proper noun**.

EXAMPLE: Ruby and Tom are neighbors.

Ruby, Tom: proper; neighbors: common

1. Bakersville just passed a new law.
2. Students will attend school in June, July, and August.
3. Two friends wrote a letter to the Prime Minister.
4. Ruby Gomez called the mayor on the phone.
5. Tom Peters went to a meeting at Reed High School.
6. The Tenth of July is a holiday.
7. The school is on Parker Road.
8. The city is hot in the summer.

Bakersville		law
students		June
July		August
friends		Prime Minister
Ruby Gomez		mayor
phone		Tom Peters
Reed High School		July
holiday		school
Parker Road		city

9. National Heros Day falls in the month of October.
10. Some parents spoke Spanish.
11. There will be a rally next Tuesday.
12. People will go to the House of Assembly with signs.
13. Ruby and Tom made posters.
14. The rally falls on Majority Rule Day.
15. The citizens spoke with the Governor-General.

	summer	National Heros Day
	October	Spanish
	parents	rally
	Tuesday	people
	House of Assembly	Ruby
	Tom	posters
	rally	Majority Rule Day
	citizens	Governer-General

B. Write each sentence correctly. Capitalize the proper nouns. write the common nouns.

16. terrence and lameca wrote a speech.

17. Students and parents gathered in washington park.

18. Some teachers took a bus to the park.

19. A reporter wrote an article for the bakersville times.

20. Mayor chen thought more about the law.
