Common Nouns

A noun can be a common noun or a proper noun. Proper nouns are the names of specific people, places, things, or ideas. A proper noun always begins with a capital letter. Common nouns are not specific. They are not names, so they are only capitalized if they are the first word in a sentence.

COMMON NOUN: **girl** **PROPER NOUN**: **Jane**
COMMON NOUN: **dog** **PROPER NOUN**: **Beagle**

DIRECTIONS: Is the underlined noun common or proper? Type **P** for proper and **C** for common.

1. I love that restaurant.

2. I never have homework in math.

3. We shop at Safeway.

4. Mrs. Miller is my neighbor.

5. I like to use colored pencils.

6. I live in Oregon.

7. That band played in the park yesterday.

8. Is that dog a German Shepherd?

9. I got a job with Goldman Sachs.

10. There was a number under the chair to win a prize.