

COMMON AND
PROPER NOUNS

Name _____

RETEACHING: A common noun
names any person, place, or thing.
A proper noun names a specific
person, place, or thing and begins
with a capital letter.

A. Read the sentences below. Classify the nouns by common and proper on the table. Follow the example:

1. Mr. Sherlock Holmes is a famous fictional detective.
2. This character was created by the author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
3. Holmes appeared in 56 stories and several novels written by Doyle, including The Sign of Four.
4. He was often assisted by his friend Dr. John Watson.
5. They worked together on mysteries throughout the city of London.

Common Nouns	Proper Nouns
	<i>Mr. Sherlock Holmes</i>



B. Read the sentences below. Identify the underlined words in each sentence as proper or common nouns. Follow the example:

1. Peter Jones is a detective who works at Scotland Yard.
a) proper, common, proper
2. Yesterday Mr. Reginald Merryweather came to him with a very strange story.
3. It seems that rare coins are missing from the Bank of London where he works.

4. The money was kept in a safe at the bank.

5. Peter Jones decided to call Sherlock Holmes to assist him with the case.

Possible answers:

a) *proper, common, proper*

c) *proper, common*

b) *common, proper*

e) *common, common, common*

d) *proper, proper, common*