

## NOUNS - CONCRETE AND ABSTRACT NOUNS

A **noun**, the first of the eight parts of speech, is the name of a person, place, thing, or idea.

*person*: Darlene, boy, mayor, worker, scientist, assistant

*place*: Los Angeles, dock, home, park

*thing*: automobile, tool, balloon, penguin, tree

*idea*: freedom, independence, friendship, thoughtfulness

A **singular noun** is the name of only one person, place, thing, or idea. Examples of singular nouns include *woman*, *auditorium*, *bicycle*, and *honesty*.

A **plural noun** is the name of more than one person, place, thing, or idea. Examples of plural nouns include *teammates*, *cities*, *houses*, and *freedoms*.

### Activity

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Underline the three nouns in each of the following sentences.

- 1) Rose carried her pet into the office.
- 2) The newspaper was left on the table in the classroom.
- 3) The group spent many hours discussing the new plan.
- 4) Joshua saw the bridge and the lighthouse.
- 5) Her computer was repaired by the technician on Tuesday.

Here are types of nouns that are good to know. They include the following.

- 1 **Common nouns** begin with a lowercase (or small) letter since they name *any* person, place, thing, or idea. They are nonspecific. Some singular common nouns include *actor* (person), *lounge* (place), *stick* (thing), and *kindness* (idea). Plural common nouns include *men* (persons), *headquarters* (places), *computers* (things), and *injustices* (ideas).

2 **Proper nouns** begin with an uppercase (or capital) letter because they name specific persons, places, things, and ideas. Proper nouns include *President Barak Obama* (person), *New York* (place), *United Union of Teachers* (thing), and *The Big Bang Theory* (idea).

3 **Concrete nouns** name a person, place, thing, or idea that can be perceived by one or more of your senses (seeing, hearing, touching, tasting, and smelling). *Popcorn, thunder, rainfall, skunk, tornado, and hair* are concrete nouns.

4 **Abstract nouns** name an idea, feeling, quality, or trait. Examples of abstract nouns include *pity, weakness, humility, and happiness*.

5 **Collective nouns** name a group of people or things. Some collective nouns are *squad, assembly, team, jury, flock, furniture, fish, and herd*.

**Exercise** Write c above each concrete noun and a above each abstract noun.

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Bob admires people who practice modesty.

1. Sheila likes to plant and care for flowers.
2. Daniel's integrity cannot be questioned.
3. The Smith family have shown their devotion to this company.
4. Kindness and sincerity dominate my list of important qualities.

5. Claire's new **bicycle** impressed her **neighbors**.
6. Uncle Rico will give you the **recipe**.
7. The **coach** reminded his **players** of the necessity for good **sportsmanship**.
8. The **bakery** on the **corner** sells the best chocolate chip **cookies**.
9. **Thoughtfulness** is always appreciated.
10. **Wilneko** wants us to make **compassion** a priority.
11. **Mr. Fernandez** is teaching us about great world **leaders**.
12. **Jealousy** can be extremely destructive.
13. Nicole has **empathy** for Roger because she has gone through a similar **experience**.
14. Brad and Caroline hosted a **reception** for the new exchange **student**.
15. I always enjoy visiting **Mexico** and Canada, although they

have few **similarities**.

**\*\*WRITING\*\***

**Write a sentence with at least one concrete and an abstract noun.**

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