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COMMON AND PROPER NOUNS

COMMON NOUN

A common noun is the name of any person, place, animal or thing.
It does not begin with a capital letter.

Examples: boy, city, dog, school

PROPER NOUN

A proper noun is the special name of a person, place, animal or thing.
It always begins with a capital letter.

Examples: John, Trinidad, Bella, Caroni

1 Write one common noun from each sentence.

a. The baby slept in the cradle. _____
b. We planted flowers in the garden. _____
c. The students worked on their projects. _____
d. The farmer rode his horse to the field. _____
e. I bought a new pair of shoes. _____
f. The boy kicked the ball across the field. _____
g. The family enjoyed a picnic at the beach. _____
h. The chef cooked yummy soup for dinner. _____
i. I saw a butterfly in the backyard. _____
j. The librarian helped me find a book. _____

2 Write one proper noun from each sentence.

a. We visited San Diego last summer. _____
b. My cousin, Jason, is very good at soccer. _____
c. I read a story about Princess Diana. _____
d. We celebrate Divali with our family. _____
e. My friend, Aaliyah, sings beautifully. _____
f. Our teacher, Mrs. Ramnarine, is very kind. _____
g. We went to the Maracas Beach on Sunday. _____
h. My birthday is in December. _____
i. I love to watch SpongeBob SquarePants. _____
j. We live in Kelly Village. _____

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COLLECTIVE NOUNS

A **collective noun** is the name of a group of people, animals or things.

Examples: a herd of elephants a bunch of grapes a fleet of ships

1 Write the collective noun in each sentence.

1. A swarm of butterflies fluttered over the garden. _____
2. The crew of the ship worked hard all day. _____
3. A pile of leaves was raked in the yard. _____
4. The band of musicians played lovely music. _____
5. A colony of ants marched along the ground. _____
6. The group of tourists visited the old fort. _____
7. A gaggle of geese flew over the lake. _____
8. The pack of dogs ran through the field. _____
9. A bunch of bananas is on the counter. _____
10. The board of directors held a meeting. _____
11. A pride of tigers rested in the shade. _____
12. The troupe of dancers gave a wonderful show. _____
13. A cluster of stars twinkled in the night sky. _____
14. The team of swimmers won the competition. _____
15. A shoal of fish swam near the coral reef. _____

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