



# THE NOUNS



Ms. Diana

A noun can be a *common noun*, or a *proper noun*.

Proper nouns are the names of specific people, places, things, or ideas. They are capitalized, because they are names.



Johnson Elementary  
School



Mr. Blackwell

Maggie Jones



Brazil

Common nouns are general, not specific. They are not names, so they are not capitalized unless they are the first word in a sentence.



school



man



girl



country

Write *Common* or *Proper* on the line next to each noun.

1. restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

2. SaveMore Groceries \_\_\_\_\_

3. book \_\_\_\_\_

4. teacher \_\_\_\_\_

5. Samantha \_\_\_\_\_

6. lunchbox \_\_\_\_\_

7. Mrs. Walker \_\_\_\_\_

8. eraser \_\_\_\_\_

9. homework \_\_\_\_\_

10. Aunt Jane \_\_\_\_\_

Read the sentences and look at the underlined noun. Decide if it's a proper or common noun. Capitalize the proper nouns.

	proper or common?	Capitalization
1. Last month, Sue and Diane rode their bikes from Rhode Island to <u>florida</u> .	proper common	
2. Bring down the spare <u>bed</u> so LuAnn has a place to sleep tonight.	proper common	
3. My absolute favorite snack is a <u>klondike bar</u> .	proper common	
4. The garage down the street fixed my dad's <u>motorcycle</u> .	proper common	
5. We like to go camping and hiking every year in <u>yellowstone park</u> .	proper common	
6. The dentist wants me to brush my teeth every day with <u>fluoride</u> toothpaste.	proper common	
7. Tonight's movie at the cinema is <u>finding nemo</u> .	proper common	
8. Shamrocks are found all over if you celebrate <u>st. patrick's day</u> .	proper common	
9. The <u>street</u> that Anthony lives on is very hilly.	proper common	
10. I would like to get my ears pierced a the <u>sunshine mall</u> tomorrow.	proper common	

Write 5 common nouns:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Write 5 proper nouns:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_