

GRAMMAR

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What Is a Noun?

► A noun names a person, a place, a thing, or an idea.

Persons:	brother	Jim	Jim Cohen
Places:	states	Maine	North Dakota
Things:	game	football	soccer
Ideas:	excitement	dream	gladness

Write the nouns. The number after each sentence tells how many nouns are in the sentence.

Example: Our family likes to have a party once a year. (3)

family, party, year

- The picnic is at the farm of our grandparents in Kansas. (4)

- Their house is a long distance from our homes. (3)

- Our trip from Nebraska takes seven hours. (3)

- Aunt Colleen flies in from New Jersey. (2)

- The celebration with her relatives gives Grandmother great pleasure. (4)

- The backyard is set up for cookouts and games. (3)

- The activities bring happiness to the family. (3)

- Our weekend in the country always passes too quickly. (2)

COMMON AND PROPER NOUNS

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. Underline any common nouns in each sentence once and any proper nouns twice.

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.

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

1. Peter Jones is a detective who works at Scotland Yard.

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.

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- A. Read the following sentences. Circle the proper noun(s) in each sentence and then write what it names on the line. The first one has been done for you.

1. I read the *Dallas Morning News* every day.
2. We have two dogs, named Archie and Samantha.
3. In the fall, I will attend Nichols Middle School.
4. We are going to read about the Industrial Revolution.
5. Did you have a good time at our Fourth of July picnic this year?
6. I want to join the National Geographic Society.

newspaper

- B. Complete the chart by filling in each missing common or proper noun. The first one has been done for you.

Common Noun	Proper Noun
<u>newspaper</u>	<u>Daily News</u>
<u>era</u>	
	<u>Chicago</u>
<u>pet</u>	
<u>president</u>	
	<u>Memorial Day</u>
	<u>Best Toy, Inc.</u>

