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NOUNS AND PRONOUNS

Two Kinds

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A **common noun** names a person, place, or thing: girl, man, city, piano.

A **proper noun** names a specific person, place, or thing: Jing-mei, Mr. Woo, San Francisco.

A **possessive noun** shows ownership: Jing-mei's piano, Waverly's trophies, the cat's tail.

A **personal pronoun** takes the place of a noun or another pronoun named elsewhere in the text: I, me, we, us, you, he, him, she, her, it, they, them.

A **possessive pronoun** shows possession or ownership: my, mine, our, ours, your, yours, his, hers, its, their, theirs.

A **personal** or **possessive pronoun** must agree in number and gender with the noun to which it refers:

- If a noun is **singular**, the pronoun that replaces it must be **singular**.
- If a noun is **plural**, the pronoun must also be **plural**.
- If a noun is **feminine**, the pronoun that replaces it must also be **feminine**.
- If a noun is **masculine**, the pronoun must also be **masculine**.

COMMON AND PROPER NOUNS	POSSESSIVE NOUNS	PERSONAL PRONOUNS	POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS
The <u>girl</u> is named <u>Jing-mei</u> . The <u>street</u> she lives on is <u>Linden Street</u> .	The <u>girl's</u> name is Jing-Mei. The chess <u>champion's</u> name is Waverly.	She plays a song. <u>It</u> sounds bad. The piano book has ten pieces. <u>They</u> are easy.	Mr. Chong sees <u>his</u> student perform. As the recital begins, they take <u>their</u> seats.

A. DIRECTIONS: Write *common noun* or *proper noun* to describe each underlined word.

1. Jing-mei never bothered to learn how to play the piano correctly. ____
2. The piano teacher lived on Elm Street. ____
3. California is a very large state. ____
4. In the 1930s, Shirley Temple was a famous movie star. ____
5. The city is near the Pacific Ocean. ____

B. DIRECTIONS: Answer each question. Use the personal and possessive pronouns in parentheses.

1. At the show, how does Jing-mei's performance seem to Mr. Chong? (It, him).
2. What might Waverly think about Jing-mei's piano playing? (She, it)
