

Common and Proper Nouns

A **common noun** names a general person, place or thing.

examples: I went to the city.
The man was kind.

A **proper noun** names a specific person, place, or thing. Always capitalize the first letter of a proper noun.

examples: I went to San Francisco.
Mr. Brown was kind.
My new puppy, Perro, is playful.

Directions: Underline the common nouns with a blue crayon. Underline the proper nouns with a red crayon.

1. The house is on Main Street. (1 common, 1 proper)
2. Karen played with her sister. (1 common, 1 proper)
3. Fran went to Friendly's Pet Shop. (2 proper)
4. The car stopped quickly. (1 common)
5. Morgan Boulevard is a busy street. (1 proper, 1 common)
6. Michael and his friend chased the kitten. (1 proper, 2 common)
7. Did you see Kevin at the party? (1 proper, 1 common)
8. Laura looked at the stars through her telescope. (1 proper, 2 common)
9. There were no yellow markers in the box. (2 common)

- 10. Have you ever eaten a cheeseburger at Burger Planet?
(1 common, 1 proper)
- 11. A young boy found a dollar on the sidewalk. (3 common)
- 12. Mary sat by the fire and roasted a marshmallow. (1 proper, 2 common)

Directions: Write the word "common" next to each common noun. Re-write each proper noun correctly.

- 1. alice smith proper
- 2. carpenter proper
- 3. dog proper
- 4. max proper
- 5. book proper
- 6. mayberry library common
- 7. jupiter proper
- 8. planet common
- 9. restaurant common
- 10. burger king common