

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 Alice Smith

2. carpenter Carpenter

3. dog Common

4. max Max

5. book Common

6. mayberry library Mayberry library

7. jupiter Jupiter

8. planet Common

9. restaurant Common

10. burger king Burger King