

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)

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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 common

3. dog common

4. max Max

5. book common

6. mayberry library Mayberry Library

7. jupiter Jupiter

8. planet Planet

9. restaurant common

10. burger king Burger King