

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 I am alice smith

2. carpenter I am carpenter

3. dog He is a dog

4. max He is max

5. book This is a book

6. mayberry library This is the mayberry library

7. jupiter Tha's the planet jupiter

8. planet This is planet earth

9. restaurant This is a restaurant

10. burger king This is a burger king