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## **Investigation**

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## Proper, common and possessive nouns.

A noun is a word used to name material things or immaterial elements.

### Common nouns

Common nouns refer to things.

Example: book – pen – telephone – laptop – guitar etc.

### Proper nouns

proper nouns refer to people, names, places, etc.

example: Yoana – Juan – Comalapa – Chiapas etc.

### Possessive nouns

Possessive pronouns refer to objects or things belonging to a person, making use of the apostrophe. It is a combination between the common noun and the proper noun.

Example: in spanish, El auto de Egner. In english Egner's Car.

In this case it is used in apostrophe to designate the owner of the object, it is used by placing it after the name followed by the letter "s" at the end.

Proper nouns + 's + common nouns: **Yoana's cat**

### Rules of use of apostrophe.

1.- When the possessive person's name ends in S, the apostrophe is placed in front of the letter S without adding another letter.

Example: Carlos' house.

2.- When in the proper noun there are two persons or two names, the apostrophe is used at the end of the middle name.

Example: Jose and Pablo's dog

3.- When there are 2 people with their respective nouns, the apostrophe is placed at the end of each name.

Example: Pedro's and Jeny's cats are playing in the yard.

## **Descriptive adjectives.**

Descriptive adjectives are used to describe the personality and characteristics of a person or ourselves.

Examples of descriptive adjectives:

Tall: Alto

Short: bajo

Big: grande

Young: joven

Old: viejo

Friendly: amigable

Amazing: espectacular

Wonderful: maravilloso

Fat: gordo

Handsome: guapo

Intelligent: inteligente

To ask for a description of someone we can use the following questions:

1.- What do you look like?

2.- What are you like?

3.- What kind of person are you?

4.- What is she like? (In this question, reference is made to "she" asking for the description of a woman, to change to a man only "she" is changed to "he".

5.- How are they?

## Articles a/an

To know which article to use if "a" or "an" we must take into account the sound of the next word.

for example, if the following word sounds like a vowel, then "an" is used if it sounds like a consonant, "a" is used.

Example (a): a car

a dog

a cat

a book,

a pen

a guitar

a hospital-----→ here "a" is used because the letter "h" is not silent in pronunciation.

Example (an): an umbrella

an elephant

an ice cream

an island

an hour -----→ here "an" is used because the letter "h" is silent

## Description exercise.

1.- He is My uncle Herminio Martinez Carrillo, 56 years old, my father's brother, he lives in Tijuana, he works as a chef in an elegant restaurant, he is a person with white skin, short, with black eyes, hair and white beard, he is a very nice and cheerful person who likes to watch movies in his spare time.



2.- She is Amanda Mendez Cruz, she is my cousin, my mother's niece, she is 29 years old and works teaching elementary school, she is a tall, thin person, with white skin, and a big smile.

Amanda is a very happy person, often nervous and a bit shy, she likes to read philosophy books and go for walks in the afternoons to de-stress from work.

## Dialogue exercise

### Conversation 1

Pablo: Hello Carlos.

Carlos: Hi, Pablo, how are you?

Pablo: I'm fine, thanks, and you?

Carlos: I'm fine, Where are you going?

Pablo: I'm searching Sister's cat

Carlos: oh, how is it?

Pablo: his hair is black with white, his eyes are blue and he has a long tail.

Carlos: Oh it's a nice cat

Pablo: Yes

Carlos: Well, good luck, see you later

Pablo: See you bro, take care.



### Conversation 2

Juan: Hi, my name is Juan

Kendric: Hi Juan, my name is Kendric

Juan: How do you spell your name?

Kendric: K - E - N - D - R - I - C

Juan: thanks, it's nice to meet you, kendric

Kendric: it's nice to meet you too, Juan

Juan: excuse me, could you pass me your phone number?

Kendric: Sure, is 935 555 8647

Juan: thanks, my phone number is 673 555 9820



Kendric: can you spell your phone number?, please

Juan: of course, is 6 – 7 – 3 – 5 – 5 – 5 – 9 – 8 – 2 – 0

Kendric: Thanks, see you later Juan

Juan: See you Kendric, Be careful.