

Common Nouns and Proper Nouns

A noun can be a common noun, or a proper noun.

Common nouns can be a person, animal, place or thing. They are not names, so they do not have a capital letter unless they are the first word in a sentence.



school



man



tree



toy

Proper nouns are the names of specific people, animals, places or things. They start with a capital letter.



Big Ben



Mars Bar



England



Santa

Task 1

Write common or proper next to each of these nouns.

book _____

garden _____

Samantha _____

pencil _____

Buckingham Palace _____

lunchbox _____

fish _____

Mr Jones _____

France _____

Rice Crispies _____

Task 2

Write 3 common nouns and 3 proper nouns. (Choose ones that are not on this worksheet).

Common nouns

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Proper nouns

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Extension

Write your own sentences using the common nouns and proper nouns in task 2.