

Nouns: Proper

A noun is a person, place, thing, or idea. A proper noun names a specific person, place, or thing. A common noun does not name a specific person, place, or thing. Proper nouns are capitalized, and common nouns are not capitalized.

Here are some examples of proper nouns.

- Ex. *Charles Dickens* (a specific person)
- Ex. *Food Plus* (a specific place)
- Ex. *The Washington Monument* (a specific thing)

Practice

In order to help the student understand how to identify and use proper nouns, try the following exercise. Read each sentence, then rewrite the sentence replacing the underlined common noun with a proper noun.

- Ex. The dog is eating my shoes! -> **Rex** is eating my shoes!

1. Let's eat at a restaurant tonight.
2. Next year, I am going to visit a foreign country.
3. On our field trip, we got to visit a museum.
4. A girl came over to do homework with me.
5. The president gave a speech on television.