

Nouns – Proper and Common

- A proper noun is a noun that represents a unique entity (James Edwards, England, The University of North Carolina). Proper nouns are usually capitalized.
- A common noun is a noun that represents a class of things.

Example: Maria has a cat named Boo Kitty.



In this example, “Maria” and “Boo Kitty” are proper nouns because they represent a unique entity. There is only one Maria, and only one Boo Kitty being referenced. Cat is a common noun because it represents a class of animal. There are thousands of cats in the world.

Directions: Circle the proper nouns in the box below.

Elephant	India	Jazz	Baseball	New York
Dr. Williams	Home	School	The Olympics	Tennis

Directions: Underline the proper nouns and circle the common nouns in the following sentences.

- 1) The house is in Africa.
- 2) The Ford truck is missing one door.
- 3) I am from Belize.
- 4) Jaime lives at 108 Spring St.
- 5) Monaco is an expensive city.
- 6) The Bulls won the game last night.
- 7) Basketball is so fun.
- 8) “Mrs. Peach needed to know my phone number,” said Juan.
- 9) Alamance Community College is a nice school.
- 10) Birds are my favorite animals.

Directions: Use the proper nouns in the box below to make two sentences.

Mt. McKinley	Old River	China	Mr. Anderson
Thomas	Colorado	Jupiter	Nike

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

Directions: Now make your one sentences using proper and common nouns.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____