

Nouns name people, places and things

Common nouns name general people, places or things. We write them with a lowercase letter unless they start a sentence or they are part of a title.

Skunks are small black animals that give out a powerful bad-smelling liquid as a defense when attacked.

Proper nouns name specific people, places or things. They always begin with a capital letter.

Chris, the Nile, Mexico, Monday, etc.

Task 1: Circle the proper nouns and underline the common nouns.

book car France pen river Sandy the Taj Mahal Tuesday

Task 2: Read the sentences and the underlined words. Write P (proper noun) or C (common noun).

1. My cousin is going to San Francisco next month. ☐
2. Andrew enjoys collecting baseball cards. ☐
3. The Supreme Court has three important cases to rule on next month. ☐
4. We walked across the Golden Gate Bridge during our vacation. ☐
5. Our teacher, Ms. Crowley, assigns a lot of homework over the weekend. ☐
6. My brother will be going to Journey Middle School next year. ☐
7. His favorite author is J.K. Rowling. ☐
8. Mandy named her new and beautiful puppy, Toby. ☐

Task 3: Complete the table with common and proper nouns.

Common Noun	Proper Noun
restaurant	
park	
	Charles Dickens
girl	
teacher	
	Star Wars
	Nile
boy	
	England
	Eiffel Tower