

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