

NOUNS

A noun is a word that names something, such as a person, place, thing, or idea.

There are five types of Nouns:

1. **Proper Noun:** A Proper Noun is the special name of a particular person or place. Names of days and months are also proper nouns.

Example:- a) *Shweta* is my friend.

b) I live in *Kolkata*.

Note: A Proper Noun always begins with a capital letter.

2. **Common Noun:** A Common Noun is a name given in common to every person or thing of the same class or kind.

Examples: a) I like *bananas*.

b) It is a beautiful *park*.

c) *Girls* are playing.

3. **Collective Noun:** When a noun stands for a collection of persons or things, considered as one complete whole, it is called Collective Noun.

Examples: a) I purchased a *bunch of grapes*.

b) I saw a *herd* of cattle.

c) Our *class* consists of forty students.

4. **Material Noun:** A noun which stands for the matter or substance of which things are made is called Material Noun.

Examples: a) This chair is made of *wood*.

b) The chain is made of *gold*.

c) Clothes are made of *cotton, wool and silk*.

5. **Abstract Noun:** An Abstract Noun is the name given to a quality, a state or a concept. These are something which we can neither see nor touch but which we can only feel or think of them.

Examples: a) I always speak the *truth*.

b) King Solomon is known for his *wisdom*.

c) The *beauty* of the place attracted me.

d) *Kindness* is always rewarded.

EXERCISE:-

Pick out the Nouns in the following sentences and say whether they are Proper, Common, Material, Collective or Abstract.

1. Raman is a good boy.
2. One should believe in truth.
3. A soldier is respected for his bravery.
4. Ornaments are made of gold and silver.
5. The case was decided by a bench of judges.

EXERCISE 2:-

II) Choose the correct collective noun and complete the phrases:-

Cattle sticks flowers musicians, grapes

1. A bunch of _____
2. A bundle of _____
3. A bouquet of _____
4. A herd of _____
5. A band of _____

EXERCISE 3:-

III. Underline the nouns and write whether they are common nouns or proper nouns.

1. Rahul is my brother.
2. Our uncle visited us last Sunday.
3. Jupiter is the largest planet.
4. Robin is a friend of a policeman