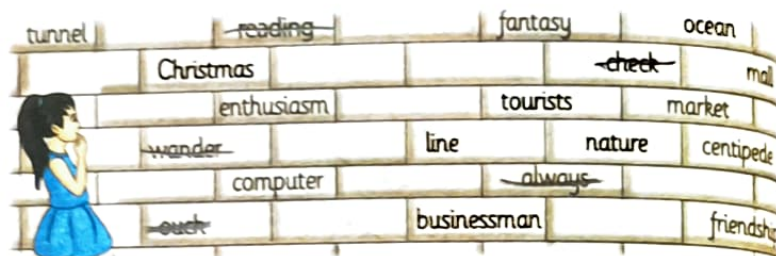


# Nouns: Common and Proper



Nicky is looking at a word wall.  
Which five words will you cross out  
so that it resembles a noun-wall?  
Read and check.



- ★ In the given sentences, cross the underlined words that are **not** nouns.  
One has been done for you.

1. I am part of my family. (X over am, check over family)
2. I celebrate my birthday every year. (X over celebrate, check over birthday, check over year)
3. We live in big or small houses. (X over We, check over houses)
4. Indian cities are very crowded. (X over cities, check over crowded)
5. Many villages are beautiful. (X over villages, check over beautiful)
6. There are more trees there. (X over There, check over trees)
7. Oxygen is very important for life. (X over Oxygen, check over important)
8. Our world will collapse without it. (X over world, check over collapse)



A **common noun** is a general name for a class of people, animals, places, and things.  
A **proper noun** is a particular name given to a person, animal, place, or thing.

- ★ Identify the nouns in the following sentences as **proper** or **common**.  
The first one has been done for you.

1. Hindus celebrate the coming of spring with Holi in March. (PN, CN, PN, PN)
2. Our school took us to a theatre to show a children's film on Children's Day. (CN, CN, PN)
3. Students in India learn Vande Matram written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee. (CN, CN, PN)
4. Hina Matsuri, a festival of dolls, is celebrated in Japan. (PN, CN, CN, PN)
5. In Venice, people travel in a boat called gondola. (PN, CN, CN, CN)
6. It's common for kids to dress up as ghosts and witches on Halloween. (CN, CN, CN, PN)
7. Queen Elizabeth of England lives in the Buckingham Palace in London. (PN, PN, PN, PN)



## Say it aloud

- A noun refers to anything that is living or non-living, and concrete or abstract.
- A **common noun** is the **general** word used to name a class of **people**, **things**, **animals**, and **place**.  
E.g. man, camel, river, flower, beach, steel, etc.
- A **proper noun** names a **specific** person, animal, place, or thing. Every word in a proper noun always starts with a capital letter. E.g. Sania Mirza, Uncle Sam, Doctor Raina, Marina Beach, etc.

For each of the common nouns, write the proper noun from the word box.

Assam Karadi Tales Niagara Falls Hindi United Nations Peacekeeping Force  
Lal Bahadur Shastri Monopoly Golden Gate Tata Motors Aunt Bindu

- bridge : Golden Gate
- prime minister : Lal Bahadur Shastri
- cassette : Karadi Tales
- state : Assam
- game : Monopoly
- relative : Aunt Bindu
- organisation : Tata Motors
- language : Hindi
- waterfall : Niagara Falls
- United Nations Peacekeeping Force

Arrange the following words under the given headings below. Capitalize the proper nouns.

petrol pump shalini refrigerator pongal february muslim supermarket  
toddler cauveri magazine sea lion toyota manager eiffel tower history  
festival saturday australia lobster tower ooty scrabble pendrive eid-ul-fitr

Common Nouns		Proper Nouns	
petrol pump	festival	Shalini	Australia
toddler	lobster	Pongal	Ooty
refrigerator	tower	February	Saturday
magazine	supermarket	Cauveri	Eid-ul-Fitr
sea lion	history	Toyota	
manager	pendrive	Eiffel Tower	
muslim	scrabble		

Read the sentences and spot the errors. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

- The lakshadweep Islands are located in the Arabian sea. The Lakshadweep Islands are located in the Arabian Sea.
- Jana gana mana, the indian national Anthem, is written by Rabindranath tagore. "Jana Gana Mana," the Indian National Anthem, was written by Rabindranath Tagore.
- Ganga, yamuna, and godavari are the names of rivers in india. Ganga, Yamuna, and Godavari are the names of rivers in India.
- I read an article on the mahabharata in the deccan Herald. I read an article on the Mahabharata in the Deccan Herald.
- The united nations was set up on October 24, 1945 to promote world peace. The United Nations was set up on October 24, 1945, to promote world peace