

1. The **girl** is playing with a **cat**.
2. **Aman** and **Sunita** are **friends**.
3. She has gone to **Delhi**.
4. I had a **pen** and a **pencil**.



A noun is a word which is used as the name of a person, place, animal or thing. The words **girl**, **cat**, **Aman**, **Sunita**, **friends**, **Delhi**, **pen**, **pencil**, etc. are all nouns. All naming words are nouns.

Kinds of Nouns

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| 1. Common nouns | 2. Proper nouns | 3. Collective nouns |
| 4. Material nouns | 5. Abstract nouns | |

Look at the examples given below.

My **uncle** and **aunt** are taking **lunch**.



Aman needs a **pen**, **pencil** and **rubber**.

The **chair** is made of **plastic**.
A **cat** is sitting on it.



There was a huge **crowd** at **India Gate**.

He is known for his **honesty**.



Note: All the coloured words in the above sentences are naming words.

1. The words **uncle**, **aunt**, **lunch**, **pen**, **pencil**, **cat** and **rubber** are common names for persons, places, animals or things of the same kind. Such nouns are called **common nouns**.
2. The words **Aman** and **India Gate** are the names of a particular person and place respectively. Such nouns are called **proper nouns**. A proper noun always begins with a capital letter.
The names of months, rivers, countries, oceans, monuments, special days, etc. are proper nouns.
3. The word **crowd** is a word for a group of people. Such nouns are called **collective nouns**.
4. The word **plastic** is a word which stands for the substance or material of which the thing is made. Such words are called **material nouns**.
5. The word **honesty** is something that we cannot see or touch but can only think of. Such nouns are called **abstract nouns**.



Remember

1. A **Proper Noun** is the name of a particular person or thing (Sunil, Delhi, Monday, June, Ganga, etc.).
2. A **Common Noun** is the name common to every person or thing of the same class, kind or group (room, king, goat, paper, food, etc.).
3. A **Collective Noun** is the name given to a group of persons or things (flock of sheep, bunch of keys, pride of lions, a team of players, etc.).
4. A **Material Noun** is the name given to a material or substance of which things are made (iron, glass, cotton, etc.).
5. An **Abstract Noun** is the name given to some idea, quality, feeling or action, which we can only think about (honesty, sickness, courage, weakness, greed, etc.).

EXERCISES



Write against each sentence the name of the place associated with the persons, birds or animals stated in each sentence. Choose from the words given in the box.

barrack

convent

den

hive

kennel

pen

shed

stable

sty

zoo

1. A building in which soldiers live.

..... *barrack*

2. A cave in which lions live.

..... *den*



3. A hut in which dogs live.

kennel

4. A house in which nuns live.

convent

5. A place where wild animals are kept for show.

zoo

6. A place where bees live.

hive

7. A place where horses live.

stable

8. A place where pigs live.

sty

9. A place where ducks or hens live.

pen

10. A place where cattle are kept.

shed



Match the word with the work each does:

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| 1. A baker | (a) takes care of the plants. (4) |
| 2. A cobbler | (b) examines a sick person. (3) |
| 3. A doctor | (c) flies or guides an aeroplane. (11) |
| 4. A gardener | (d) cuts hair. (7) |
| 5. A grocer | (e) looks after the sick in a hospital. (9) |
| 6. A guide | (f) makes bread. (1) |
| 7. A hair-dresser | (g) mends shoes. (2) |
| 8. A mason | (h) sells spices, sugar and tea. (5) |
| 9. A nurse | (i) shows the way. (6) |
| 10. A painter | (j) works on a ship. (12) |
| 11. A pilot | (k) works with paint and brush. (10) |
| 12. A sailor | (l) works with bricks and mortar. (8) |



Pick out Proper, Common, Collective, Material and Abstract Nouns in the following sentences and place each in the correct column.

1. Health is wealth.
2. Haridwar is a holy city.
3. Men live on hope.
4. Ashok has joined the army.
5. A herd of cattle broke the fence.
6. Mohan carries a big bunch of bananas.
7. Rohit shall put it before the committee.
8. Idleness cannot bring you success.
9. Bread is made of flour.
10. Books are prepared from paper.

Proper	Common	Collective	Material	Abstract
Haridwar	city	army	flour	health
Ashok	Men	herd of cattle	paper	wealth
Mohan	fence	bunch of banana		Idleness
Rohit	bread	committee		success
	books			



Pick up Abstract Nouns from the box and fill in the blanks:

cowardice evil falsehood hardness ugliness cruelty
 failure foolishness sorrow weakness

We like:

beauty, not ugliness, softness, not hardness

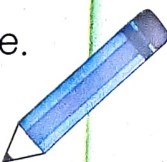
bravery, not *cowardice*, strength, not *weakness*,
goodness, not *evil*, success, not *failure*,
happiness, not *sorrow*, truth, not *falsehood*,
kindness, not *cruelty*, wisdom, not *foolishness*



Pick up Collective Nouns from the box and fill in the blanks:

army bundle committee family flock library pack
audience crowd fleet galaxy staff team swarm

1. A *crowd* of people is watching the show.
2. A *fleet* of ships has gathered in the bay.
3. Anil has a whole *library* of books.
4. A *swarm* of bees flew out of the hive.
5. I want a whole *pack* of playing cards.
6. All the soldiers in the *army* were brave.
7. Our *family* consists of five members.
8. Our *team* won the match.
9. Our *staff* is quite competent.
10. What a big *flock* of wild geese overhead!
11. Who can lift this *bundle* of sticks?
12. The *committee* is holding its meeting.
13. I saw a *galaxy* of stars through the telescope.
14. The *audience* listened to the singer.



Look at the pictures. Change the underlined adjective in each sentence to an abstract noun and make a new sentence with it. One has been done for you.



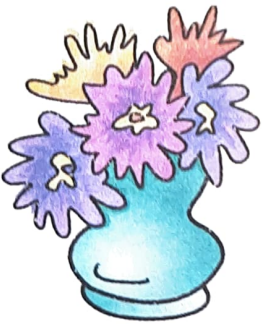
1. Pranav is an honest boy.

He is known for his honesty.



2. We should help blind people.

She was doing the work blindly.



3. Flowers in the vase are beautiful.

Radha danced beautifully.



4. Sunita and her friends are happy today.

Mohit happily goes to school.