

What Is a Proper Noun?



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Aim

- I can recognise and use proper nouns.

Success Criteria

- I can discuss the difference between a common noun and a proper noun.
- I know that proper nouns always start with capital letters.
- I can use capitalised proper nouns in my own writing.

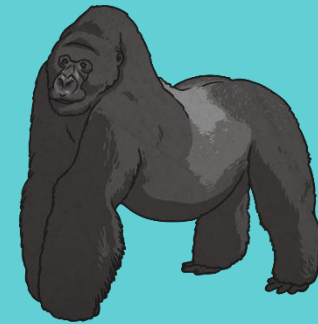
Getting Started

What is a **noun**?

A noun is a naming word. They are used to identify a person, place, object, animal or idea. There are several different types of noun; we most commonly use 'common nouns'.

So, what is a **common noun**?

Common nouns are the general names for people, places, objects or animals. For example:

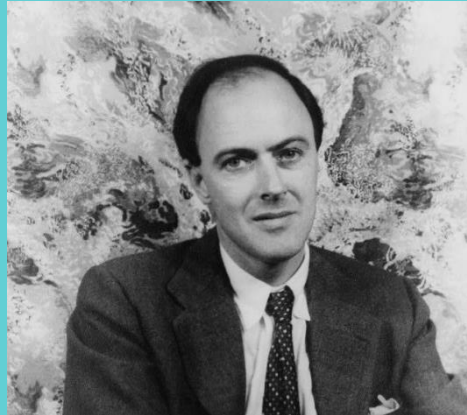


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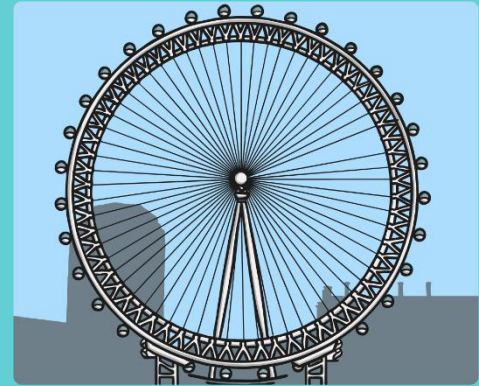
Proper nouns are different in that they name a **specific place, object or person**. They should also always start with a **capital letter**.



Sydney



Roald Dahl



London Eye

Months of the year, days of the week, some religious events and brand names are also considered to be **proper nouns**.

Next Steps

Could you help me to fill in this common noun and proper noun chart?
The first missing answer is completed for you:

Common Noun	Proper Noun
woman	J. K. Rowling
country	
	Africa
cartoon character	
famous landmark	
	August
day of the week	
city	
restaurant	

Proper Noun Hunt



Can you spot the missing capital letters for the proper nouns in Mr Whoops' letter?

12 green lane,
whoopsville,
W3 TXD

Dear mr williams,

I am writing to you to complain about my recent visit to your supermarket, costsavers, on thursday 12th january, 2017. After a recent holiday in europe (where I visited portugal, spain and italy), I came to your store to purchase some ingredients to make a mediterranean meal like the one I had eaten near the colosseum.

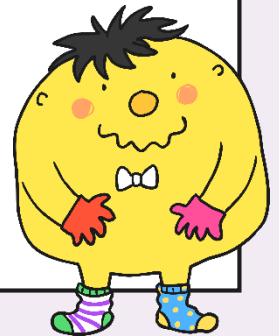
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Proper Noun Hunt Continued

Whilst in your fruit and vegetable aisle, I accidentally tripped over a red onion and two of your shop assistants, whose name badges read daniel and julie, proceeded to laugh at me hysterically. They never offered me any help or assistance. I was appalled.

I raced outside, got into my car and went straight home empty-handed. I had to phone my local branch of palace pizzas to order a takeaway meal. I will not be coming back in your shop until I get a full apology. If I don't receive a letter by wednesday 1st march, I am even considering writing to whoopsville council or the prime minister to express my disgust.

Yours sincerely,
mr whoops.



Practise Your Skills

Can you spot the three proper nouns hidden behind the numbered squares?

Clue: They all begin with the same letter.

1

2

3

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Let's Play!

Do you think you could shout out a proper noun for each letter of the alphabet before you run out of time?

It might be a person's name, a country, a landmark, a city or town, a month or day, an event or a brand name.

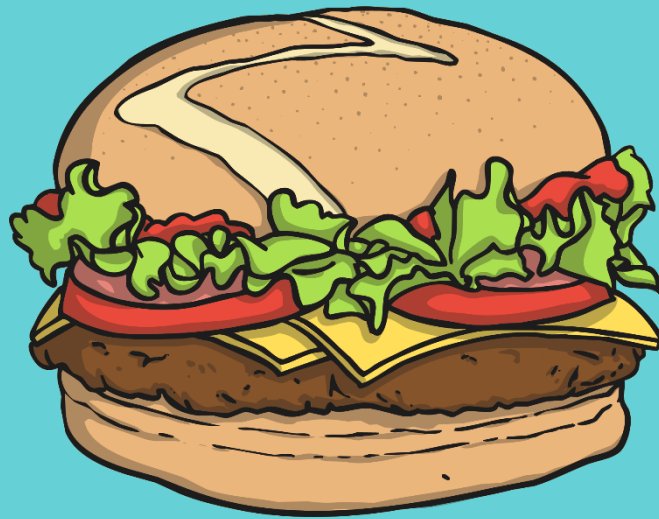
You must think quickly!



Quiz Question 1

Can you spot all the proper nouns that need capital letters?

Marie and **Mark** are twins, who live at 132 **Rosemary Road** in **Manchester**. Their birthday is in **September**. They love to visit **Bernie's Burger Bar** in **Eccles**.



Quiz Question 3

Which words are the proper nouns in the following sentences?

- a) On **friday** I went to see my grandmother at her house.
- b) Last year, I went on a fortnight's holiday to **athens**.
- c) At the weekend, we went to the cinema in town to see the new film by **pixar**.

