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Common and Proper Nouns Worksheet

What Are Nouns?

Nouns are words that name **people**, **places**, **things**, or **ideas**.

Common Nouns

- These are general names.
- They **do not** begin with capital letters (unless they start a sentence).
- Example: girl, city, school, dog

Proper Nouns

- These are specific names.
- They **always** begin with capital letters.
- Example: Emma, New York, Lincoln Middle School, Rover

Directions: Fill in the blanks below using the correct noun from the word bank. Write the noun in the blank and identify whether it is a Common or Proper noun.

Word Bank: Emma, park, pizza, Mr. Johnson, country

1. We met _____ at the library after school.
   Noun Type: _____

2. My family went to the _____ for a picnic on Saturday.
   Noun Type: _____

3. I love eating _____ with extra cheese.
   Noun Type: _____

4. _____ is our science teacher this year.
   Noun Type: _____

5. Italy is a _____ in Europe.
   Noun Type: _____

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Identify the Common Nouns and Proper Nouns

Directions: In each sentence below, **underline** the **proper nouns** and **circle** the **common nouns**. Remember:

- **Proper nouns** are specific names and begin with capital letters.
- **Common nouns** are general names and are not capitalized unless they start a sentence

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1. My uncle took me to Disney World last summer.
2. The cat climbed on top of Sarah's new car.
3. We visited the museum in Chicago during spring break.
4. Mr. Thomas brought cupcakes to our classroom.
5. The bookstore on Main Street has a big selection.
6. Jessica won the spelling bee at her school.
7. My little brother loves watching Paw Patrol on Saturdays.
8. The train to Boston was delayed by two hours.
9. My favorite restaurant is called Bella’s Bistro.
10. We studied the planets in Mrs. Carter's science class.

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Read and Circle the Proper Nouns

Directions: Each paragraph below contains **proper nouns that are not capitalized correctly**. Your job is to **circle each capitalization error**. Look for names of **people, places, holidays, events, and organizations** that should begin with a **capital letter**. Make sure to read carefully. Not only are some **proper nouns** incorrect in this paragraph, but also look closely at **where sentences begin** - those should always start with a capital letter too.

Paragraph #1

last saturday, emily and her family drove to yellowstone national park. her brother, ryan, was excited to see the geysers, especially old faithful. their parents planned the trip during their vacation from jefferson middle school. they stopped in the town of cody for lunch and visited the buffalo bill center of the west. later, aunt clara met them at the park entrance with her dog, buddy.

Paragraph #2

on monday, jasmine and her friend elliot arrived early at lincoln middle school. they were excited to present their science project about the solar system to mrs. harper. after the presentation, principal davis gave them ribbons and invited them to attend the district science fair at jackson high school. later, jasmine emailed her cousin in atlanta to share the news.

Paragraph #3

last november, mia and her family attended the thanksgiving day parade in new york city. they found a great spot near central park to watch the giant balloons float by. mia's favorite balloon was one of snoopy wearing a santa hat. her uncle frank brought hot chocolate from java joe's café. after the parade, they visited times square before heading home to brooklyn.

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Fix the Proper Nouns

Directions: The paragraph below contains **10 proper nouns that are not capitalized correctly**. **Read the paragraph carefully and circle each capitalization error**. Not only are some **proper nouns** incorrect in this paragraph, but also look closely at **where sentences begin** - those should always start with a capital letter too.

last july, sophia and her cousin ben went camping at pine ridge campground in montana. they arrived early to meet ranger lopez, who gave them a map of glacier national park. on their first night, they made s'mores and told stories about bigfoot. the next morning, sophia spotted a bald eagle flying over lake crystal. after packing up, they stopped at joe's diner in kalispell before heading home.

Rewrite the Proper Nouns Correctly:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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Capitalizing Titles Worksheet

Student Tip: Titles like Mom, Dad, Doctor, or President should be capitalized when they are used as names or come right before a name.
Example: “I asked **Mom** to help.”
Example: “We saw **President Lincoln**.”
❌ But if the title is used in a general way, **don’t capitalize** it - like “my **mom** is nice” or “he wants to be a **doctor**.”

Rule of thumb: If the title replaces or directly names someone, capitalize it!

Directions: Read each sentence. If the title is used as a **name**, capitalize it. If it's **not used as a name**, leave it lowercase. Write the corrected sentence on the line provided.

1. I told my mom that I would be home by five.

2. Did you remember to thank grandma for the gift?

3. Coach Ramirez gave us extra time to practice.

4. The mayor of the town visited our school.

5. We asked aunt lily to help with decorations.

6. My dad said we can go camping this weekend.

7. I’m not sure if doctor hill is still in her office.

8. Grandpa made his famous blueberry pancakes.

9. The general gave a speech at the ceremony.

10. Can you ask principal lee if the game is canceled?

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Answer Key – Common and Proper Nouns Worksheet

Page 1: Fill in the Blank with Noun Type

Word Bank: Emma, park, pizza, Mr. Johnson, country

1. We met **Emma** at the library after school.
   Noun Type: Proper
2. My family went to the **park** for a picnic on Saturday.
   Noun Type: Common
3. I love eating **pizza** with extra cheese.
   Noun Type: Common
4. **Mr. Johnson** is our science teacher this year.
   Noun Type: Proper
5. Italy is a **country** in Europe.
   Noun Type: Common

Page 2: Identify the Common Nouns and Proper Nouns

Directions: Underline proper nouns; circle common nouns.

1. **Proper:** Disney World **Common:** uncle, summer 2. **Proper:** Sarah **Common:** cat, car 3. **Proper:** Chicago **Common:** museum, spring break 4. **Proper:** Mr. Thomas **Common:** cupcakes, classroom 5. **Proper:** Main Street **Common:** bookstore, selection	6. **Proper:** Jessica **Common:** spelling bee, school 7. **Proper:** Paw Patrol, Saturdays **Common:** brother 8. **Proper:** Boston **Common:** train 9. **Proper:** Bella's Bistro **Common:** restaurant 10. **Proper:** Mrs. Carter **Common:** planets, science class

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Page 3: Read and Circle the Proper Nouns (Errors)

Paragraph #1 (11 errors):
Last, Saturday, Emily, Yellowstone National Park, Ryan, Old Faithful, Jefferson Middle School, Cody, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Aunt Clara, Buddy

Paragraph #2 (9 errors):
On, Monday, Jasmine, Elliot, Lincoln Middle School, Mrs. Harper, Principal Davis, Jackson High School, Atlanta

Paragraph #3 (12 errors):
Last, November, Mia, Thanksgiving Day Parade, New York City, Central Park, Snoopy, Santa, Uncle Frank, Java Joe's Café, Times Square, Brooklyn

Total Errors on Page: 32

Page 4: Fix the Proper Nouns (Camping)

Corrected Proper Nouns:

1. Last 2. July 3. Sophia 4. Ben 5. Pine Ridge Campground	6. Montana 7. Ranger Lopez 8. Glacier National Park 9. Lake Crystal 10. Kalispell

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Page 5: Capitalizing Titles Worksheet

1. I told my **mom** that I would be home by five. ✔ *(No change — used after “my”)*
2. Did you remember to thank **Grandma** for the gift? ✔ *(Used as a name)*
3. **Coach** Ramirez gave us extra time to practice. ✔ *(Title before name)*
4. The **mayor** of the town visited our school. ✔ *(Used as a role — lowercase)*
5. We asked **Aunt Lily** to help with decorations. ✔ *(Title before name)*
6. My **dad** said we can go camping this weekend. ✔ *(Used after “my”)*
7. I’m not sure if **Doctor Hill** is still in her office. ✔ *(Title before name)*
8. **Grandpa** made his famous blueberry pancakes. ✔ *(Used as a name)*
9. The **general** gave a speech at the ceremony. ✔ *(Generic role)*
10. Can you ask **Principal Lee** if the game is canceled? ✔ *(Title before name)*

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