

As we have already learnt, a Noun is the name of a person, place, animal or thing. Nouns are mainly of five types. They are: Proper Noun, Common Noun, Collective Noun, Material Noun and Abstract Noun.



Proper Noun

A Proper Noun is the special name of a particular person, place, animal or thing.



Ramlal is working in the garden.



The **Taj Mahal** is situated in **Agra**.



Bruno is my pet dog.

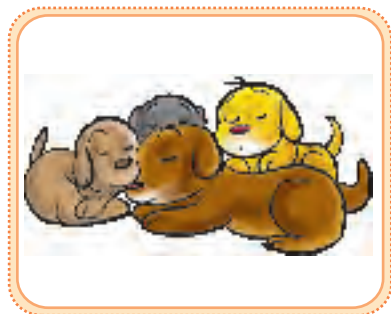
The words in colour are **Proper Nouns**.



Common Noun

A Common Noun is the common name given to all persons, places, animals or things of the same class or kind.

Read the following sentences:



Some **puppies** are playing on the road.



Tiger is the National Animal of India.



The **bird** looks beautiful.

The words in colour are **Common Nouns**.



Collective Noun

A Collective Noun is the name given to a group or collection of persons, animals or things considered as one complete whole.

Read the following sentences:

1. The **army** seized the town for many days.
2. The angry **mob** attacked the shops.
3. A **flock** of birds flew in the sky.



The words in colour are **Collective Nouns**.



Material Noun

A Material Noun is the name of the material of which a thing can be made.

Read the following sentences:

1. The rings are made of pure **gold**.
2. The **iron** chest was locked.
3. Her jacket was made of **leather**.



The words in colour are **Material Nouns**.



Abstract Noun

An Abstract Noun is the name of a quality, condition, state, thought or feeling etc. which can neither be seen nor touched; it can only be felt.

Read the following sentences:

1. **Experience** is the best teacher.
2. **Honesty** is the best policy.
3. The king was famous for his **generosity**.



The words in colour are **Abstract Nouns**.

Let's
Practise

A. Colour the Nouns in the following sentences and write their kinds alongside :

1. We visited the Hawa Mahal in Jaipur.
2. The teacher punished the naughty student.
3. My grandparents live in a small village.
4. He presented me a bouquet of flowers.

5. The sun sets in the west. _____
6. Delhi is the capital of India. _____
7. Plants are our green friends. _____
8. She has migrated to Australia. _____
9. He could not see the Red Fort in Delhi. _____
10. Asia is the largest continent. _____
11. India is our motherland. _____
12. Health is wealth. _____
13. Contentment is happiness. _____
14. A sweet fragrance filled the air. _____
15. She is suffering from malaria. _____

B. Give two Proper Nouns for each of the following Common Nouns. The first one is done for you:

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| 1. City | _____ Mumbai _____ | _____ Kolkata _____ |
| 2. Planet | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Car | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Country | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Leader | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Flower | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Fruit | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Newspaper | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Lake | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Ocean | _____ | _____ |
| 11. Bird | _____ | _____ |
| 12. Tree | _____ | _____ |
| 13. River | _____ | _____ |
| 14. Desert | _____ | _____ |
| 15. Monument | _____ | _____ |

C. Given below are some groups of words. Write proper Collective Nouns for each of them. Choose from the box below:

colony crowd constellation fleet smack pack gaggle flock orchard
herd clump litter swarm troupe parliament

1. A number of bees _____
2. A number of owls _____
3. A number of hounds, wolves _____
4. A number of pigs, puppies _____
5. A number of ants _____

6. A number of artists, dancers, acrobats
7. A number of jellyfish
8. A number of cattle
9. A number of geese
10. A number of fruit trees
11. A number of people
12. A number of sheep
13. A number of stars
14. A number of ships, cars
15. A number of trees

D. Fill in the blanks with suitable Collective, Material or Abstract Nouns.

1. The little girl ate a _____ of grapes.
2. In summer, we like to wear _____ clothes.
3. A _____ of wolves attacked the sheep.
4. The sweet _____ of the perfume filled the room.
5. My mother has lost the _____ of keys.
6. A _____ of wild elephants destroyed the crops.
7. We have kept the documents in an _____ chest.
8. They are sure that the Indian Cricket _____ will win the match.
9. The _____ tried to steer the ship away from the danger zone.
10. The whole _____ took part in the competition.
11. King Solomon of Israel was famous for his _____.
12. Our country got _____ in 1947.
13. _____ memories are always sweet.
14. She drinks a glass of _____ every morning.
15. A _____ ring was presented to the bridegroom.

