



Read the following sentences carefully :

1. **John** is reading a **book**.
2. The **sun** sets in the **west**.
3. **Honesty** is the best **policy**.
4. The **mob** became violent.
5. All that glitters is not **gold**.

Thus, in the above sentences, **John, book, sun, east, honesty, policy, mob, gold** are nouns.

Thus, we can say,

The name of a person, place, thing, etc. is called the **noun**.

## Kinds of Noun

Nouns are mainly classified into following kinds :

1. **Proper Noun** : A **Proper Noun** is a word that refers to a particular member of a class of persons/ places or things e.g. *Tom, Tina, Amit, Suresh, Meerut, Agra, Ramayana*, etc.
2. **Common Noun** : A **Common Noun** is a word that refers to any member of a class of persons/ places or things, e.g. *book, boy, girl, pen, building, cow, chair, parrot*, etc.
3. **Collective Noun** : A noun standing for a collection or group of persons or things considered as one whole, is called a **Collective Noun**; e.g. *crowd, class, army, regiment, mob*, etc.
4. **Material Noun** : A name given to a material or substance of which things are made is called **Material Noun**, e.g. *milk, paper, cotton, sugar, iron, gold*, etc.
5. **Abstract Noun** : An **Abstract Noun** is the name of something which we can neither see nor touch but we can only think of e.g. *honesty, bravery, wisdom, childhood*, etc.



## Time To Do

A. Underline the Nouns in these sentences and write down their kinds :

1. Mani is my brother.
2. The Ganga is a sacred river.
3. Who is the author of this book?
4. Peace be with you!
5. I trust his honesty.
6. Health is wealth.
7. Do you want some coffee?
8. The Elephant is the largest animal on land.
9. The fleet of ships sailed off.
10. Ashoka was a great king.
11. The judge spoke with great pride.
12. Her hair is greying with age.

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## Further Classification of Nouns

There are two kinds of nouns :

**1. Countable Nouns :** These are names of persons, animals, places and things **that can be counted**, e.g. *boy, cow, pen, book, table*, etc. Countable nouns can be both in singular or plural form.

**2. Uncountable Nouns :** These are names of things that cannot be counted e.g. *rice, wheat, hair, time, tea, scenery, electricity*, etc. Uncountable nouns can only be written in singular form .

### Remember

- ❖ The plural of 'fish' is 'fish' or 'fishes'.
- ❖ Names of some games are in plural e.g. *billiards, draughts*.
- ❖ Names of instruments that have two parts are written in plural e.g. *scissors, tongs*, etc.
- ❖ Name of some clothes are written in plural, e.g. *pyjamas, shorts*, etc.
- ❖ Name of some subjects are written in singular, e.g. *physics, civics*, etc.
- ❖ Name of some diseases are written in plural, e.g. *mumps, rickets*.
- ❖ Abstract Nouns have no plurals!

### B. Read the following passage :

Normally I have a banana and some coffee for breakfast. My sister prefers to have some milk and a boiled egg. My mother has just tea and toast. Only my father has a filling breakfast every day. He usually has a cup of tea, two toasts with butter, jam and some fruits.

Underline the nouns in the above passage and then put under the right heading :

Countable Nouns

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Uncountable Nouns

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