SPOKEN ENGLISH STUDY MATERIAL

ENGLISH GRAMMAR

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NOUNS

Interactive Study Material • Classes 4–5

What is a Noun?

DEFINITION

A noun is a naming word. It names a person, place, animal, thing, or idea/feeling.

Look around you! You can see a teacher, a classroom, a pencil, a dog, and a flower. These are all nouns because they name something.

PERSON	PLACE	ANIMAL	THING	IDEA / FEELING
teacher	school	rabbit	book	kindness

Types of Nouns

Nouns can be grouped into different types. Learn the clue for each type and study the examples.

1. Common Noun

Meaning: A general name for a person, place, animal, or thing.

Examples: girl, city, teacher, river, school

Sentence: The girl is reading.

2. Proper Noun

Meaning: The special name of a particular person, place, day, or thing. It begins with a capital letter.

Examples: Ashima, India, Monday, Noida, the Ganga

Sentence: Rohan lives in India.

3. Collective Noun

Meaning: A word that names a group of people, animals, or things.

Examples: team, class, flock, herd, bunch

Sentence: Our team won the match.

4. Abstract Noun

Meaning: A name for an idea, quality, feeling, or state that we cannot usually see or touch.

Examples: honesty, kindness, joy, bravery, childhood

Sentence: Kindness makes the world better.

5. Material Noun

Meaning: A word that names a material or substance from which things are made.

Examples: gold, silver, wood, cotton, water, plastic

Sentence: This ring is made of gold.

Picture Clues



Common noun (school)



Collective noun (team)



Abstract noun (kindness)



Material noun (gold)



Material noun (water)

REMEMBER!

Proper nouns begin with capital letters: Delhi, Sunday, Meera. Common nouns do not need capitals unless they begin a sentence. Some nouns can fit more than one category depending on how they are used.

Singular, Plural, Countable & Uncountable Nouns

Singular and Plural

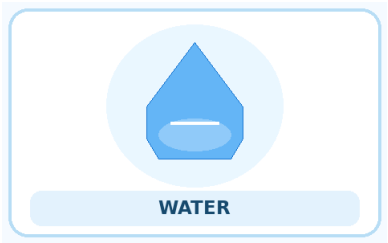
A singular noun names one person, place, animal, or thing. A plural noun names more than one.

Rule	Singular → Plural	Examples
Add -s	book → books	pen → pens
Add -es to many words ending in s, sh, ch, x, or z	box → boxes	brush → brushes
Consonant + y: change y to -ies	baby → babies	city → cities
Some nouns change completely	child → children	tooth → teeth
Some nouns stay the same	sheep → sheep	deer → deer

Countable and Uncountable Nouns

- Countable nouns can be counted: one apple, two apples, three books.
- Uncountable nouns are not usually counted one by one: water, rice, sugar, information. We can say a glass of water or a bowl of rice.





COUNTABLE: an apple / three apples

UNCOUNTABLE: water / a glass of water

Practice 2: Choose the correct word

1. There are three (child / children) in the park.

2. Please give me a (glass / water) of water.

3. I saw a (flock / bird) of birds flying together.

4. (monday / Monday) is the first day of our school week.

5. We need two (box / boxes) for the books.

Interactive Activities

Activity A: Noun Detective

Read the paragraph. Underline all the nouns. Then sort at least six of them into the table.

> On Sunday, Aarav visited the zoo in Delhi with his family. He saw a herd of elephants, a flock of birds, and a beautiful flower near the gate. His sister showed kindness by sharing her snacks with a friend.

Common noun	Proper noun	Collective / Abstract noun
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Activity B: Picture-to-Noun Match

Match each picture to the best noun type. Write the letter beside each picture.











A. Common B. Common C. Collective D. Abstract E. Material

Now write one new example of each type:

Common: _____ Proper: _____ Collective: _____

Abstract: _____ Material: _____