



Nouns

The name of a person, place, animal or thing is called a **noun**.

Kinds of Nouns

a. Proper Nouns

A noun which names a particular person, place or thing is called a **proper noun**.

Example : **Mahatma Gandhi** was a great leader.



- A proper noun always begins with a capital letter.
- If a proper noun consists of two or more names, each word takes a capital letter.
- We never use 'the' before the names of people.

b. Common Nouns

A noun that gives a common name to a person, place or thing of the same kind is called a **common noun**.

Example :

Cow is a domestic **animal**.



It is a name given to all the things in a certain class or group.

Some common nouns sound the same but have different meanings.

c. Collective Nouns

A **collective noun** is a name of a group of persons, animals or things and spoken of as one complete whole.

Example :

The **army** was on the march.



An **abstract noun** is a name of a quality, state, feeling or idea.

Example :

Laughter is the best medicine.



These are the nouns that we can only think of or feel but cannot touch or see.

e. Material Nouns


It is a name given to the matter-substance of which things are made of.

Example :

Windows are made of **glass**.



- They are not generally used in plural number.
- The articles a or an are not used before a material noun.

 **Underline the nouns in the given paragraph and also state the kind whether common or proper.**

An old king of Mathura had two children- Prince Kanak and Princess Devaki. The boy was very cruel and the princess was very beautiful. She got married to a noble man named Vasudeva.

After the death of the king, Kanak did not allow Devaki and Vasudeva to enter the palace. A few years later Devaki gave birth to a baby. She went to meet her brother. Taking the child in his hands, prince Kanak had tears in his eyes. Both brother and sister now lived peacefully forever.

Proper Noun

Common Noun

 **Choose the correct word from the box and fill in the blanks.**

conductor	electrician	policeman	fisherman	artist
fishmonger	salesman	carpenter	cobbler	pilot

- Meat is to butcher as fish is to fishmonger
- Land is to farmer as sea is to _____



- c. Train is to guard as bus is to _____
- d. Pipe is to plumber as wire is to _____
- e. Prey is to hunter as criminal is to _____
- f. Client is to lawyer as customer is to _____
- g. Book is to author as furniture is to _____
- h. Car is to driver as aircraft is to _____
- i. Photograph is to photographer as painting is to _____
- j. Cloth is to tailor as leather is to _____



Fill in the blanks with common or proper nouns.

- a. _____ is a vast and beautiful country.
- b. This _____ is too heavy to move.
- c. Our _____ is very old.
- d. _____ was famous hockey-player.
- e. The _____ made a crash landing.
- f. The _____ is in my pocket.
- g. This _____ is broken.
- h. That _____ has laid two eggs this morning.
- i. _____ is my favourite actor.
- j. The quality of this _____ is poor.



Choose the correct words and fill in the blanks.

- a. Did you watch the _____ of dancers performing at the concert?
- b. They hired a _____ of room.
- c. The _____ of mountains were covered with snow.
- d. The fox is trying to get a _____ of grapes.
- e. I fell on a _____ of sand on the beach.
- f. The harvest was totally destroyed by the _____ of locusts.
- g. We hired a _____ of musicians to play at the party.
- h. The government formed a _____ of experts to judge the quality of the aircraft.

- i. The grocer kept the _____ of eggs very carefully on the shelf.
 j. They were attacked by a _____ of natives as they were passing through the dense forest.

**clue
box**

range
tribe

head
bunch

band
clutch

troupe
panel

plague

suite



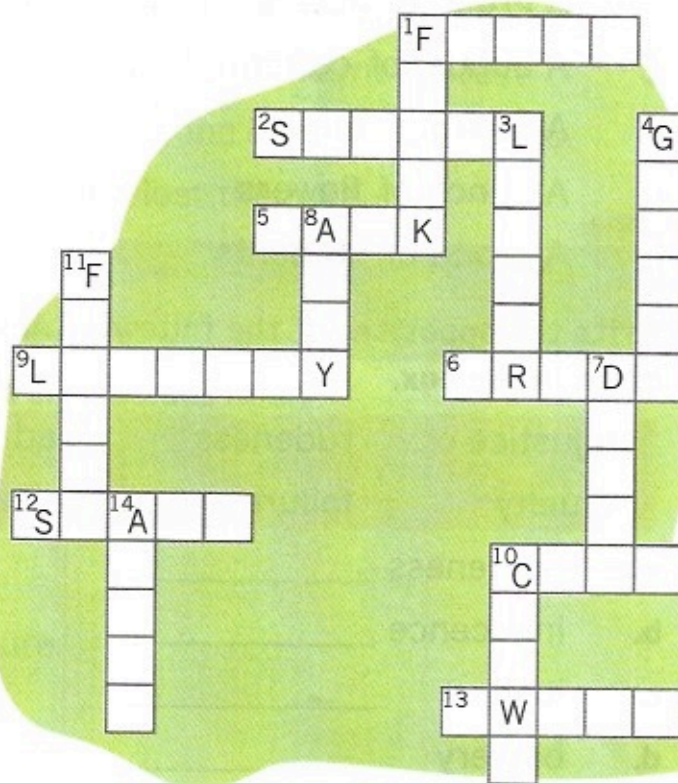
Complete the crossword puzzle with collective noun.

Across

1. A group of ships
2. A group of whales
5. A pile of cards
6. A group of lions
9. A collection of books
10. A group of sailors
12. A pile of hay
13. A group of bees

Down

1. A group of sheep
3. A group of puppies
4. A group of geese
7. A group of oxen
8. A group of soldiers
10. A collection of people
11. A group of birds
14. A collection of photographs



swarm	crew	pride	school	flock	goggle
army	flight	album	crowd	drove	litter
stack	library	fleet	pack		



Match the following.

Column A

- a. A group of judges
- b. A group of players
- c. A collection of grass
- d. A group of chickens
- e. A group of fruit-trees
- f. A group of actors
- g. A bundle of cotton
- h. A group of thieves
- i. A bunch of flowers
- j. A group of students

Column B

- brood
- gang
- bale
- orchard
- class
- bunch
- bouquet
- tuft
- company
- team



Write the opposites of the following Abstract Nouns with the help of the words given in the box.

injustice	rudeness	sadness	weakness	guilt
cruelty	failure	falsehood	cowardice	enmity


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| a. politeness _____ | f. friendship _____ |
| b. innocence _____ | g. happiness _____ |
| c. justice _____ | h. strength _____ |
| d. bravery _____ | i. truth _____ |
| e. success _____ | j. kindness _____ |



For each abstract noun, write another that means the same thing.

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| a. Unhappiness _____ | d. Hurt _____ |
| b. Humour _____ | e. Beauty _____ |
| c. Happiness _____ | f. Power _____ |

Similar meaning-words are called Synonyms.

 Complete these sentences. Use the abstract nouns from the box given below.

- a. He was filled with _____ when he saw what the thief was doing.
- b. Melissa was filled with _____ on the morning of her birthday.
- c. If you do the wrong thing at school you may get in _____.
- d. The movie star had _____.
- e. The soldier fought in the last _____.
- f. He was filled with _____ when he saw the lion.
- g. Mark was in great _____ when he stubbed his toe.
- h. You need _____ if you want to climb Mount Everest.
- i. Most people feel _____ if someone steals their things.
- j. She only felt _____ when she lost the race.

trouble	excitement	disappointment	charisma
anger	pain	war	fury
			bravery

 Recall the popular questions. Fill in an Abstract Noun.

- a. First _____ is the last impression.
- b. Slow and _____ wins the race.
- c. _____ is powerful.
- d. _____ is better than cure.
- e. Unity is _____.
- f. Always speak the _____.
- g. _____ is the best policy.

 Form abstract nouns by adding the suffixes given.

- a. **ness** – cheerful, happy, lazy, kind, rude

cheerfulness

- b. **ity** – sincere, noble, stupid, pure, real

- c. **dom** – free, wise, king, bore

d. **th** – grow, long, broad, deep, true, strong

e. **ship** – friend, hard, king, dictator, lord, owner

f. **hood** – fabe, man, boy, child, priest

g. **ment** – judge, treat, agree, appoint, move

h. **sion** – invade, omit, admit, success, decide

i. **ty** – cruel, anxious, certain, loyal, vary

j. **y** – unite, discover, flatter, honest, modest



What are the following things made of?

gold

cotton

steel

sugar

glass

rubber

wool

clay

plastic

paper

a. Tyres are made of _____

b. Ornaments are made of _____

c. Blankets are made of _____

d. Shirts are made of _____

e. Sweets are made of _____


f. Books are made of _____

g. Utensils are made of _____

h. Glasses are made of _____

i. Cups are made of _____

j. Mugs are made of _____

 Tick the names of the materials they are made of.

- a. Please open the door with this key.
a. Iron b. Paper
- b. Paint the door properly.
a. Cotton b. Wood
- c. These spoons are new. They are made of
a. Rice b. Steel
- d. Children enjoy flying kites.
a. Silver b. Paper
- e. Please put your shoes away.
a. Leather b. Iron
- f. I like your red shirt.
a. Cotton b. Wheat
- g. The name of my science-book is Living Science.
a. Jute b. Paper
- h. Rani's necklace is very pretty.
a. Gold b. Paper
- i. I like brown bread.
a. Bronze b. Wheat
- j. The curd I ate yesterday was very tasty.
a. Milk b. Rice

 Match the things with the materials they are used of.

- | A | B |
|--------------|--------|
| a. Ice-cream | steel |
| b. Chair | glass |
| c. Sweater | milk |
| d. Ketchup | wood |
| e. Scissors | tomato |
| f. Mirror | wool |

Countable Nouns

Nouns which can be counted in terms of numbers are said to be **countable nouns**.

Example :

one book, five cars



Common nouns and collective nouns are countable nouns.

Uncountable Nouns

Nouns which can only be estimated in terms of quantities are said to be **uncountable nouns**.

Example :

India, sugar, anger



Proper nouns, Abstract nouns and Material nouns are uncountable nouns.



Write C for countable and U for uncountable nouns.

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| a. book | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. tree | <input type="checkbox"/> | k. chair | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. street | <input type="checkbox"/> | g. coffee | <input type="checkbox"/> | l. milk | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. dust | <input type="checkbox"/> | h. lock | <input type="checkbox"/> | m. water | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. dwarf | <input type="checkbox"/> | i. oil | <input type="checkbox"/> | n. apple | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. butter | <input type="checkbox"/> | j. air | <input type="checkbox"/> | o. humanity | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Tick the uncountable nouns.

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| a. honey | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. pepper | <input type="checkbox"/> | i. joy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. juice | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. carrot | <input type="checkbox"/> | j. Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. banana | <input type="checkbox"/> | g. hunger | <input type="checkbox"/> | k. dog | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. salt | <input type="checkbox"/> | h. rice | <input type="checkbox"/> | l. lassi | <input type="checkbox"/> |