

PARTS OF SPEECH REVIEW: COMMON AND PROPER NOUNS



A **noun** is a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea.

A **common noun** names a *general* type of person, place, thing, or idea. It doesn't start with a capital letter unless it's the first word of a sentence.

Examples: teacher, city, landmark

A **proper noun** is the *specific* name of a person, place, thing, or idea. It always starts with a capital letter.

Examples: Mrs. Smith, Chicago, Taj Mahal

Part 1: Circle the **common nouns** and underline the **proper nouns** in each sentence. There may be multiple in each sentence.

1. Tiffany and her family traveled to Houston, Texas.
2. My friend Anjali visited the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.
3. Last June, Robert learned about photography.
4. Rylee's art is displayed at the library on Johnson Street.
5. The city of Allegan plans to host the Michigan Alpaca Fest again this year.
6. Coffee always awakens my cousin Sarah's senses in the morning.

Part 2: Rewrite the following sentences using correct capitalization. Then, circle the **common nouns** and underline the **proper nouns** in each sentence.

7. freddie's neighbor said that jameson park will open in october.

8. sebastian and aunt lisa visited shedd aquarium in chicago to see the sharks.
