

Nouns

Introduction

Nouns are naming words. They name people, places, animals, or things. But not all nouns are the same.

There are two main types:

- Common Nouns
- Proper Nouns

i. Common Nouns

A Common Noun is a general name for a person, place, animal, or thing.

Examples:

- **Person:** boy, girl, doctor, teacher
- **Place:** school, city, country, temple
- **Animal:** dog, cat, tiger, bird
- **Thing:** book, pen, balloon, bag

Important Rule: Common nouns do not begin with capital letters (unless they are at the start of a sentence).

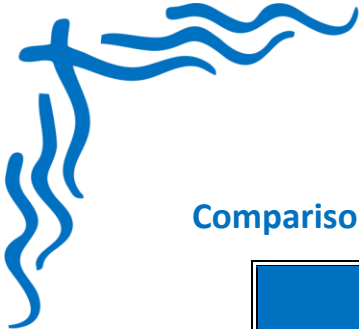
ii. Proper Nouns

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

Examples:

- **Person:** Aman, Kajol, Sachin, Shreya Ghoshal
- **Place:** Kolkata, Delhi, India, Ganga River, Taj Mahal
- **Animal:** Max (a pet dog), Tubo
- **Thing (brand/book/day/month):** Samsung, Kit Kat, Gitanjali, Monday, January

Important Rule: Proper nouns always begin with a capital letter.



Comparison Example

| Sentence 1 | Sentence 2 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A boy is reading a book. | Ashok is reading a book. |

- “boy” is a common noun (any boy)
- “Ashok” is a proper noun (a specific name)

Grammar Byte

| Common Noun | Proper Noun |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| girl | Amrita, Sonam |
| river | Ganga, Yamuna |
| country | India, France |
| day | Sunday, Monday |
| monument | Taj Mahal, India Gate |
| book | Gitanjali, Wings of Fire |

Points to Remember

All naming words are nouns. Nouns can be common or proper.

Common Noun = general name → small letter

Proper Noun = specific name → capital letter

Activities from the Chapter

i. Circle the common nouns and underline the proper nouns:

- **Example:** Pami is a good girl.

ii. Match common nouns with proper nouns:

- **River:** Yamuna
- **Monument:** Taj Mahal



iii. Sorting exercise:

- Separate common and proper nouns from a list:
- taj mahal, doctor, january, assam, rohit, teacher...

iv. Write about yourself:

- My name is ____.
- I live in ____.

v. Spot the error (capitalization):

- draupadi murmu
- Draupadi Murmu

vi. Coloring activity:

- Color the boxes with proper nouns like Sachin, Diwali, Birla Mandir.

