



Common and Proper Nouns

Definition of a Noun

A noun is the name of a person, place, animal, or thing.

Examples: girl, park, lion, balloon.

Types of Nouns in this Chapter

1. Common Nouns

- A common noun is a name shared by all people, places, animals, or things of the same kind.
- These are general names.
- They do not begin with a capital letter unless they are at the start of a sentence.

Examples:

❖ girl, city, river, animal, school, month

2. Proper Nouns

- A proper noun is the name of a specific person, place, or thing.
- Always begins with a capital letter, even in the middle of a sentence.

Examples:

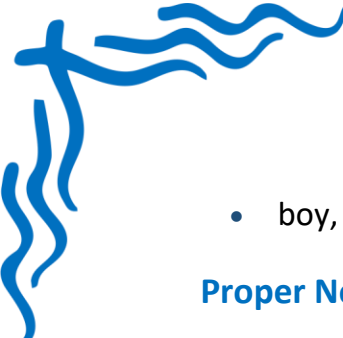
❖ Kanika, India, Ganga, Sunday, The Taj Mahal, Victoria Memorial, English, Diwali

Comparison Example:

Sentence	Common Noun	Proper Noun
The girl is riding a bicycle.	girl	—
Kanika is riding a bicycle.	—	Kanika

More Examples from the Book

Common Nouns:

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- boy, girl, river, car, school, student

Proper Nouns:

- Sourav, Mamta, Ganga, Hyundai, Teresa Public School, Sunday, English, Kolkata, The Times of India

Grammar Rules to Remember

A common noun:

- Begins with a small letter unless it starts a sentence.

Example: The girl is happy.

A proper noun:

- Always begins with a capital letter.

Example: Rahul is a good boy.

Common vs Proper Noun Matching (from the book)

Common Noun	Proper Noun
boy	Aman
girl	Neha
city	Mumbai
country	India
river	Yamuna
bank	State Bank of India

Practice Paragraph

The park has a big pond. There are many fishes in the pond. Rahul and Rony went to the pond with their father and mother. They gave bread to the fishes.

- **Common Nouns:** park, pond, fishes, father, mother, bread
- **Proper Nouns:** Rahul, Rony