# **Common and Proper Nouns**

#### What is a Noun?

The word noun comes from the Latin word 'nomen', meaning 'name'. A noun is the name of a person, animal, place, or thing.

## **Types of Nouns: Common and Proper**

#### i. Common Nouns

A common noun is a general name for a person, place, animal, or thing. It does not refer to any specific name.

**Examples:** boy, girl, dog, river, city, school, building.

## ii. Proper Nouns

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

**Examples:** Rohan, Delhi, Yamuna, LG, December, Red Fort.

# **Key Differences**

Feature	Common Noun	Proper Noun
Definition	General name	Specific name
Capitalization	Not capitalized (unless at the beginning of a sentence)	Always capitalized
Example (person)	boy, girl	Sumi, Sunil, Princy
Example (place)	city, school	Agra, Modern Public School
Example (thing)	monument, scooter	Taj Mahal, TVS

## **Examples from Textbook**

# 1. Sumi is a pretty girl.

Proper Noun: Sumi

Common Noun: girl

#### 2. Sunil is a tall boy.

**Proper Noun:** Sunil

Common Noun: boy

## 3. My mother has a TVS scooty.

**Proper Noun:** TVS

Common Noun: scooty

## 4. The Taj Mahal is a famous monument.

Proper Noun: Taj Mahal

Common Noun: monument
Activities in the Chapter

#### A. Circle the Common Nouns and Underline the Proper Nouns

#### **Example:**

- Dell is my favourite brand.
- Dell: Proper Noun
- brand: Common Noun

### **B.** Write Whether the Noun is Common or Proper

- LG Proper
- river Common
- Megha Proper
- person Common

# **C.** Change Proper Nouns into Common Nouns

- Victoria Memorial → monument
- Tata → company
- Delhi → city
- The Godavari → river

#### **D.** Points to Remember

- Proper
  - Proper nouns always begin with a capital letter.
  - Common nouns are general and used more frequently.
  - Days, months, names of places, people, rivers, etc., are all proper nouns when specifically named.

## **E.** Learning Outcomes

By the end of the chapter, students will be able to:

- Identify common and proper nouns.
- Distinguish between general and specific naming.
- Use capitalization correctly for proper nouns.

Would you like me to create an exercise worksheet or quiz based on this chapter as well?