



Common Nouns and Proper Nouns

Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand the difference between common nouns and proper nouns.
- They will identify proper nouns by their capital letters.
- They will practice sorting nouns into common and proper categories.



Lead in

Read how these two girls are introducing themselves.



I am a **girl**.
I like to eat **chocolates**.
I live in a **city**.
I have a pet **dog**.



My name is **Kajol**.
I like to eat **Kit Kat**.
I live in **Kolkata**.
My pet dog's name is **Max**.

1. Are these two introductions same or different?
2. Which girl is using general names?
3. Which girl is using specific names?

All people, animals, places or things have a name. Names are naming words. Naming words are called **Nouns**.

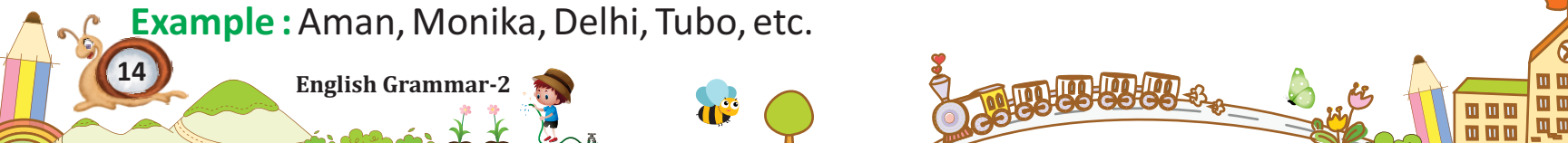
Common Nouns and Proper Nouns

Nouns that refer to general names of persons, animals, places or things are called **Common Nouns**.

Example : boy, girl, city, river, mountain, etc.

Nouns that refer to particular names of people, animals, places or things are called **Proper Nouns**.

Example : Aman, Monika, Delhi, Tubo, etc.





Now read and compare the following sentences.

1. A boy is reading a book.
2. Ashok is reading a book.



In the first sentence, it may be any boy who is reading a book, Raj, Rahul, Vikram, Alok or any other boy.

The second sentence tells about a particular boy named Ashok who is reading a book.

Boy is a **Common Noun**. **Ashok** is a **Proper Noun**.



Grammar Byte

- ◉ **Common Nouns** do not refer to any particular person, place or thing.
- ◉ **Common Nouns** begin with small letters.
- ◉ **Proper Nouns** always begin with a capital letter.

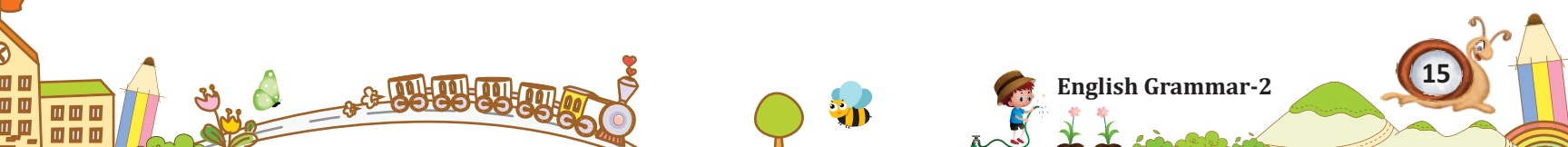
Some More Common Nouns and Proper Nouns

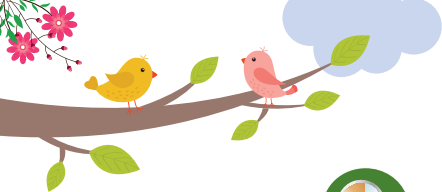
Common Nouns

boy
girl
city
country
river
day
month
newspaper
book
monuments
goods

Proper Nouns

Arjun, Amaresh, Dinesh
Rani, Amrita, Sonam
Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai
India, Japan, France
Ganga, Yamuna, Mahanadi
Sunday, Friday, Saturday
January, December
The Telegraph, The Statesman
Gitanjali, Wings of Fire
India Gate, Taj Mahal, Victoria Memorial
Samsung, Dairy Milk, LG





I.Q. Test

Your name is a _____ noun.

(i) common

(ii) proper

A. Circle the common nouns and underline the proper nouns in the following sentences.

1. Pami is a good girl.
2. Rohan is a smart boy.
3. Kolkata is the capital of West Bengal.
4. India is our country.
5. Mr. R.K. Chaudhary is our teacher.
6. Spring is a pleasant season.
7. Mumbai is a big city.
8. Taj Mahal is a famous monument.
9. She is an editor with The Telegraph.
10. Virat Kohli is a good cricketer.



Skills/Level
LISTENING & WRITING/A2



B. Match the common nouns in Column 'I' with the proper nouns in Column 'II'.

Column 'I'

1. day
2. river
3. country
4. car
5. singer
6. monument

Column 'II'

- (a) Maruti Suzuki
- (b) Sunday
- (c) Yamuna
- (d) Taj Mahal
- (e) India
- (f) Shreya Ghoshal



Skills/Level
READING & WRITING/A1





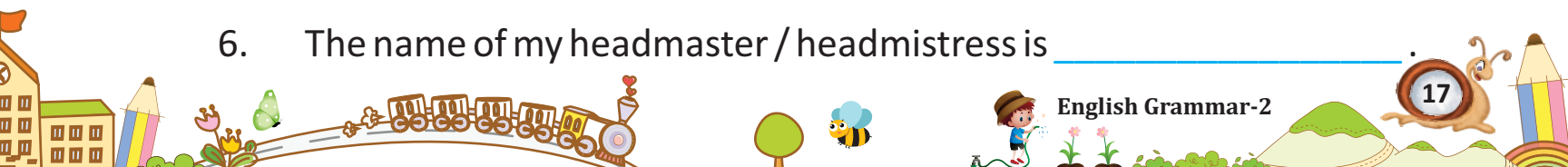
- C. Here is a list of nouns given below. Some of them are common nouns and some are proper nouns. Separate them and write them in their proper columns. Remember to begin proper nouns with a capital letter.

himalaya	doctor	amrita	festival	cricketer
taj mahal	samsung	assam	day	teacher
actor	town	friend	book	january
school	india	monday	sachin	rohit

Common Nouns	Proper Nouns
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- D. Write about "Yourself".

1. My name is _____.
2. My father's name is _____.
3. My mother's name is _____.
4. I live in _____.
5. The name of my school is _____.
6. The name of my headmaster / headmistress is _____.





Points to Remember

- Nouns that refer to general names of persons, animals, places or things are called **Common Nouns**.
- Nouns that refer to particular names of persons, animals, places or things are called **Proper Nouns**.
- **Common Nouns** begin with small letters.
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My Activity Corner

Colour the boxes that have **Proper Nouns**.

city	bat	Sachin	festival	Diwali
Birla Mandir	bag	chair	Howrah Bridge	capital
girl	Kajol	capital	Eden Garden	Alipore



My EeeBee Interactive Activities



Listening



Speaking



Reading



Writing



Grammar



Vocabulary

Practice your LSRW Skills



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