



# Common and Proper Nouns

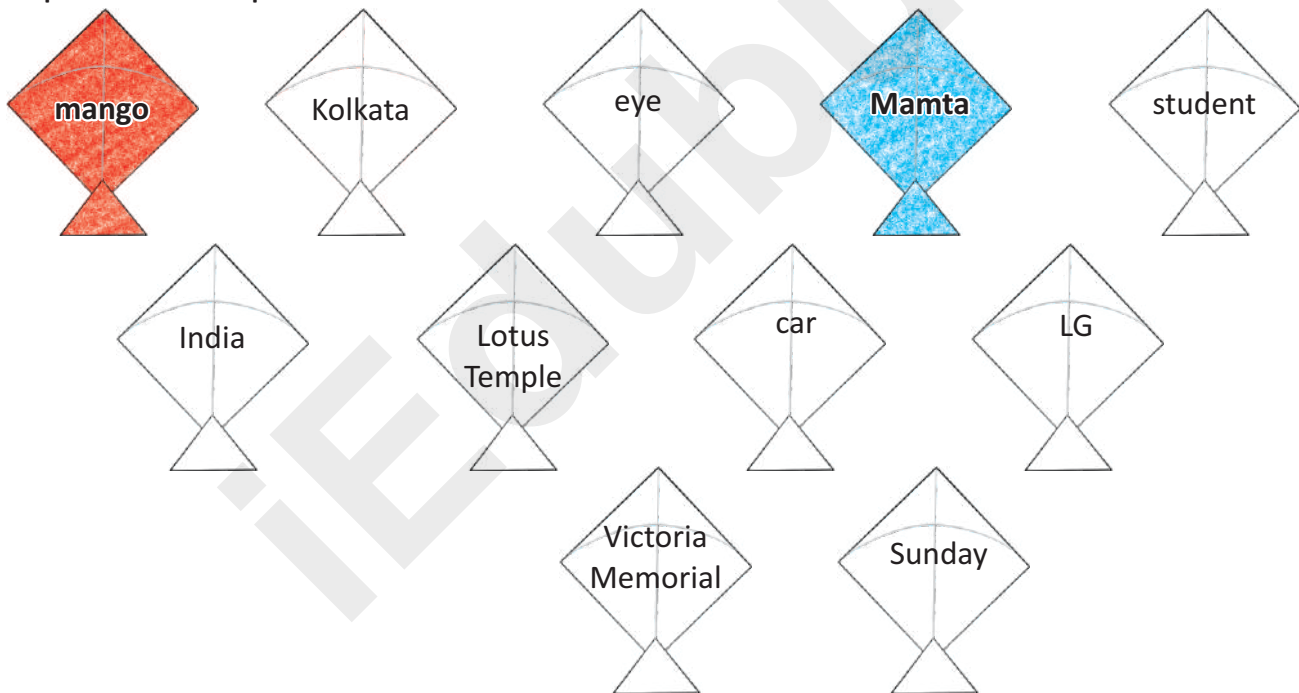
## Learning Outcomes

- Students will distinguish between common nouns and proper nouns, recognizing proper nouns as specific names that require capitalization.
- Students will apply the correct usage of common and proper nouns in sentences, ensuring proper capitalization and context-appropriate language in their writing.



## Lead in

Pick up the colour pencil and colour the kites.



**Common nouns** are the names given commonly to all people, places or things of the same kind.

**Proper nouns** are the names of particular people, places or things.

**Read the following sentences.**

- The **girl** is riding a bicycle.
- Kanika** is riding a bicycle.





In the first sentence, it may be any girl who is riding a bicycle. The girl is a name common to all girls like, Namita, Madhu, Reema, etc.

The second sentence tells us about a particular girl whose name is **Kanika**.

**Girl** is a **common noun**. **Kanika** is a **proper noun**.

Words like boy, girl, city, country and river are **common nouns**.

Word like Sourav, Nisha, Kolkata, Ganga and India are **proper nouns**.



### Grammar Byte

- ◉ A common noun begins with a capital letter only when it is the first word of a sentence.
- ◉ A proper noun begins with a capital letter wherever it appears in a sentence.

### More Example of Proper Nouns

**Days :** Friday, Saturday, Sunday

**Months :** January, December

**Languages :** English, Hindi, Bengali, Odia

**Men and Women :** Sourav Ganguly, Alka Yagnik

**Festivals :** Holi, Diwali, Id, Christmas, Dussehra

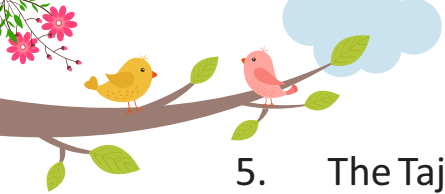
**Newspapers :** The Telegraph, The Times of India

**Monuments :** Victoria Memorial

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

1. Kolkata is a big city.
2. December is the last month of the year.
3. The Ganga is a holy river.
4. Holi is a famous festival.





5. The Taj Mahal is a famous monument.
6. He lives in the city of Delhi.
7. My father has a Hyundai car.
8. These girls study in Teresa Public School.
9. Bella is her pet cat.
10. Suravi is my friend.



### I.Q. Test

Give some proper nouns for buildings.

#### B. Circle the words that are not common nouns in each group.

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|-----------|---------|------------|
| 1. pen    | town    | Harsh      |
| 2. cup    | city    | Darjeeling |
| 3. desk   | January | chair      |
| 4. table  | doctor  | Shreya     |
| 5. boy    | girl    | Shreyas    |
| 6. book   | Rahul   | mobile     |
| 7. garden | India   | park       |
| 8. March  | flower  | fruit      |
| 9. friend | Diwali  | postman    |
| 10. sea   | river   | Ganga      |

#### C. Draw a single line under the common nouns and draw two lines under the proper nouns in the following 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. The fishes came close to them to get the bread!



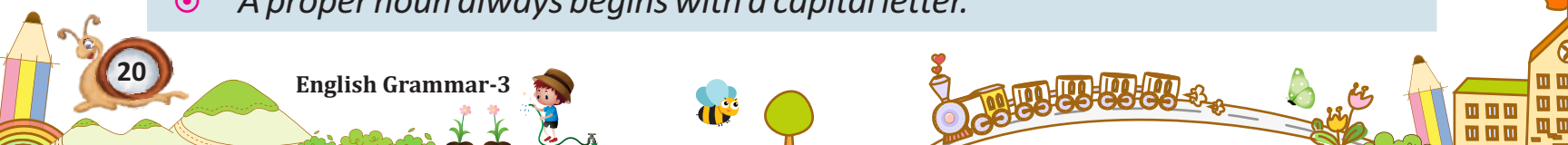
### Points to Remember



Skills/Level  
READING/A1



- Common nouns are the names given in common to all people, places or things of the same kind.
- Proper nouns are the names of particular people, places or things.
- A common noun begins with a capital letter only when it is the first word of a sentence.
- A proper noun always begins with a capital letter.





## My Activity Corner



Skills/Level  
WRITING/A1



Match the common nouns with the proper nouns.

Common Nouns	Proper Nouns
1. boy	(a) Neha
2. girl	(b) Mumbai
3. city	(c) Yamuna
4. country	(d) State Bank of India
5. river	(e) Aman
6. bank	(f) India



## My EeeBee Interactive Activities



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Speaking



Reading



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Grammar



Vocabulary

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