

Proper Nouns

A **proper noun** is a specific name which identifies a person or a place.
For example: Miss Smith, London or Spain.



Task 1

Sort out these nouns into the boxes below.
You have to decide whether each is a **proper** or **common** noun.

MADRID SNOWDON CHAIR EMMA DOLL COTTAGE
DAILY MAIL BOX THAMES IRELAND FEBRUARY FOX
BLUE PETER HEATHROW PLANE BRIDGE AUTHOR AUTUMN
CAKE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT ROALD DAHL TENT

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Task 2

Re-write the following passage putting in the **capital letters** needed for the **proper nouns**.

tom and rebecca were very excited. On saturday 20th july they were going on holiday to france. mrs bailey, the travel agent had booked the family on a flight from london gatwick to nice in the south of france. Dad said they would see the english channel, and perhaps even paris from the window of the plane. mr smith their teacher said they might even see the eiffel tower. They read in the daily mail that it was sunny in italy, spain and france.

Task 3

Write down as many different **proper nouns** as you can, beginning with the letter **A**.

Common Nouns

Common nouns are the general names for things.

A common noun could be: a **person** e.g. boy or girl,

a **place** e.g. the shop or a mountain

a **thing** e.g. a car or a book.



Task 1

Complete these sentences. The word in **bold type** is a common noun.

Finish each sentence by adding another common noun, which completes each statement.

- (1) **Apples, oranges and pears** are kinds of _____
- (2) **Photos** are taken with a _____
- (3) A **daffodil** is a kind of _____
- (4) **Tennis and squash** are two _____
- (5) **Roots, branches and bark** are all parts of a _____
- (6) **Students** study for a degree at a _____
- (7) The **statue** was carved from _____
- (8) A **creature with pincers** is a _____



Task 2

The words in these two lists are common nouns. Pair off the people from list A with list B. The first one is done for you.

A	B
teacher	patient
actor	customer
shop-keeper	corporal
worker	journalist
editor	employer
soldier	audience
doctor	pupil
author	sailor
admiral	reader

Task 3

Underline in red **15 common nouns** found in this passage.

The children from the local school have been collecting gifts. These will be put into shoe boxes and sent to countries where young people receive no presents at Christmas.

In the boxes are items such as soap, pencils, rubbers, a toothbrush, a small doll or cuddly toy and many other things.