

Nouns

Reteaching

A **noun** is a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea.

| Type of noun | Definition | Example |
|------------------------|--|----------------|
| common noun | general name for a person, place, thing, or idea | state |
| proper noun | name of a particular person, place, thing, or idea | California |
| concrete noun | names an object that can be seen, heard, smelled, touched, or tasted | orange |
| abstract noun | names an idea, quality, or characteristic | trust |
| singular noun | one person, place, thing, or idea | tree |
| plural noun | more than one person, place, thing, or idea | trees |
| collective noun | name of a group | flock |
| compound noun | single noun formed from two or more words | grapefruit |
| possessive noun | noun that shows ownership or relationship | star's mansion |

A. Finding Nouns

Underline every noun in each sentence.

- Alaska is known for its cold weather and its abundance of natural resources.
- While in Arizona, stop by the Grand Canyon for a view you will never forget.
- If you like big trees, why not visit California, with its giant redwoods and sequoias?
- Connecticut got its name from the Algonquin tribe; its name means "land on the long tidal river."
- Explorer Ponce de León looked for the Fountain of Youth in the area that is now known as Florida.
- Jesse James and his gang of desperate outlaws once roamed the state of Missouri.
- New Orleans in Louisiana is one of the most exciting cities in the country.
- Look for picturesque lighthouses in coastal states such as Maine.
- Thomas Edison chose New Jersey as the best place for his laboratories.
- See mammoth carvings of four presidents of the United States at Mount Rushmore in South Dakota.

B. Identifying Kinds of Nouns

Which word in parentheses describes the boldfaced noun? Underline the correct one.

- An anthropologist wrote about the **beliefs** of the Samoans. (common, proper)
- Pablo Picasso was a great **artist**. (concrete, abstract)
- In ancient **Rome**, contests were held in the Colosseum. (common, proper)
- Superman espoused "truth, **justice**, and the American way." (concrete, abstract)
- The story of Odysseus's journey is a product of Homer's vivid **imagination**. (common, proper)
- Peter the Great** made Russia into a powerful nation. (common, proper)
- The **planet** Mercury is closer than Mars to the sun. (concrete, abstract)
- The British statesman Neville Chamberlain promised "**peace** in our time" just before the outbreak of World War II. (concrete, abstract)