

Proper Nouns (study sheet 1)

Which sentence sounds more "powerful" or "important"?

"Look at those boys!"

Or...

"Look at Tom, Jack, and Sam!"

If you chose (or selected) the second sentence, you are CORRECT!
The second sentence sounds more powerful, or important because it names the three boys.

What is a "Proper Noun"?




A proper noun "names" a specific...

Person, place or thing.

For example:

"specific person"	"specific place"	"specific thing"
 <p>Lori Lightfoot or Mayor Lori Lightfoot</p>	 <p>Chicago</p>	 <p>Buckingham Fountain</p>

You always capitalize a proper noun.

When you  hear or  see a "proper noun" think of it as a  "powerful" noun. You capitalize it because it adds importance, or power to the noun. A proper noun is also a "specific" noun, not just "any" noun (like a "common" noun).

Monday April 27th and continue to review the rest of the week

Common noun

A common noun can be "any" noun (or ordinary noun). It is not specific.

Proper Noun =  powerful and important

girl



Chrisa

doctor



Doctor Smith (Dr. Smith)

police officer



Officer Jim Taylor

country



Canada

zoo



Lincoln Park Zoo

school



Columbus School

park



Smith Park

game



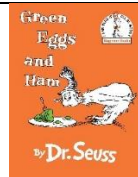
Chess

tower



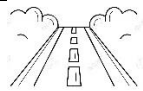
Willis Tower

book



Green Eggs and Ham

street



Augusta Street

Common noun
(ordinary noun)

Proper Noun =  powerful and important

girl
We see the girl.



Chrisa

We see **C**hrisa.

doctor
The doctor will examine me.



Doctor Smith (Dr. Smith)

Doctor **S**mith will examine me.

police officer
That police office is my friend.



Officer Jim Taylor

Officer **J**im **T**aylor is my friend.

country
Where is that country?



Canada

Where is **C**anada?

ZOO
My family visits the zoo.



Lincoln Park Zoo

My family visits **L**incoln **P**ark **Z**oo.

school
He lives near the school.



Columbus School

He lives near **C**olumbus **S**chool.

park

We live near the park.



We live near **S**mith **P**ark.

Smith Park

game

Let's play that game.



Let's play **C**hess.

Chess

tower

Let's visit that tower.

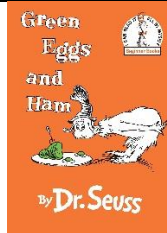


Let's visit the Willis Tower.

Willis Tower

book

She will read this book.



She will read **G**reen **E**ggs and **H**am.

Green Eggs and Ham

street

We walk along the street.



We walk along **A**ugusta **S**treet.

Augusta Street

Noun Cards (common nouns and proper nouns)

Doctor Smith	Mexico	country
Ukraine	Willis Tower	police officer
Dominican Republic	city	Connect Four
park	North America	game
Augusta Street	Officer Jim Taylor	Chrisa
George Washington	Green Eggs and Ham	Mariano's

cookie	store	Kate Wells
Disney World	Statue of Liberty	car
friend	Chicago	street
The Three Little Pigs	Western Avenue	Tom Jones
president	tower	Oreos

Sort the Nouns (Game)

Directions: Use the word cards (noun cards) to sort or separate the "common" nouns from the "Proper" nouns. Place the noun cards under the correct column below. Read the words. Repeat the game a few times.

Common Nouns



person  , place  , thing 

Proper Nouns



person  , place  , thing 