



Grammar: Nouns

Directions: Circle all the nouns in the following sentences.

1. My family lives on the fifteenth floor of a building in the city.
2. Visitors to our apartment take the elevator to the top floor.
3. Although our dad loves the city, he misses his garden.
4. My father appeared one day with huge bags, tiny plants, shovels, and other tools.
5. That amazing man had decided to grow vegetables on the roof!
6. My mother and sister helped him carry the things up the stairs.
7. Our farmer poured dirt from the bags into big pots and set the plants into the soil.
8. The days were hot and sunny, and we kept pouring water on our little farm.
9. When the summer ended, we invited friends for a dinner of beans, tomatoes, and broccoli.
10. Our family and guests finished our whole crop in just one meal!

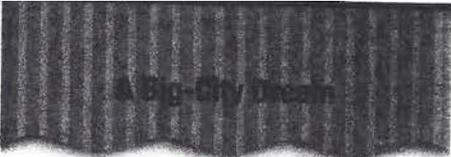
Directions: Fill in each blank with a noun that makes sense in the sentence. Write each noun on the line to the left.

- _____ 11. If I had a garden, I would grow _____.
- _____ 12. A garden needs lots of _____ if the plants are to grow.
- _____ 13. A _____ is a tool that gardeners are likely to use often.
- _____ 14. City people usually get their food from _____.
- _____ 15. Some people, however, grow their own _____, even in the city.



Notes for Home: Your child identified nouns. **Home Activity:** Read a story to your child. Then go back and ask your child to pick out words that name people, places, and things.

Name _____



Grammar: Proper Nouns

A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, or thing. The words *Carmen*, *Florida*, and *April* are proper nouns. Begin proper nouns with capital letters. Nouns that are not proper nouns are called **common nouns**. The words *girl*, *state*, and *month* are common nouns.

Common nouns: We walked down the street.

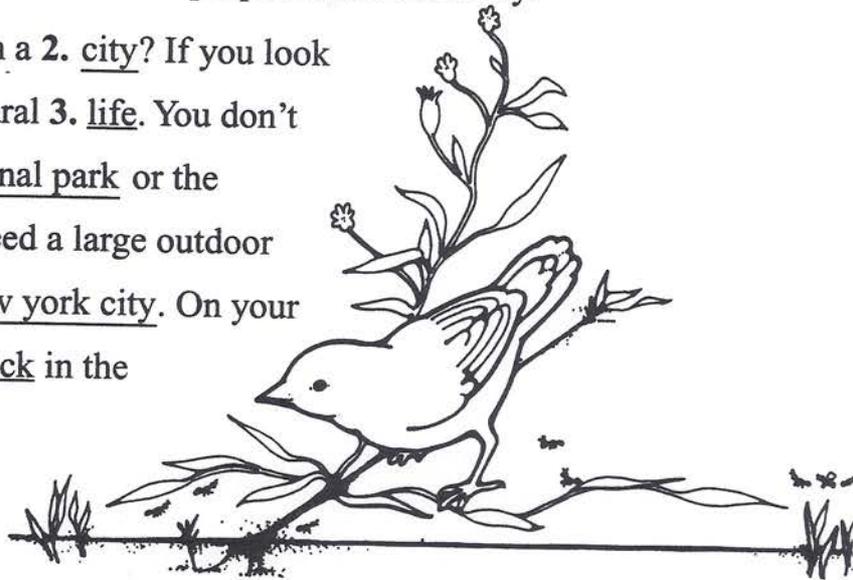
At the corner, an officer was directing traffic.

Proper nouns: We walked down Third Street.

At the corner, Officer Ortiz was directing traffic.

Directions: Read the following paragraph. Each underlined noun has a number next to it. Write **C** if the underlined noun is a common noun. Write **P** if the underlined noun is a proper noun. Rewrite the proper nouns correctly.

Do you love 1. nature but live in a 2. city? If you look carefully, you'll see plenty of natural 3. life. You don't need to go to 4. yellowstone national park or the 5. florida everglades. You don't need a large outdoor place like 6. central park in 7. new york city. On your own 8. block there may be a 9. crack in the 10. sidewalk. Start there.



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6. _____

2. _____

7. _____

3. _____

8. _____

4. _____

9. _____

5. _____

10. _____

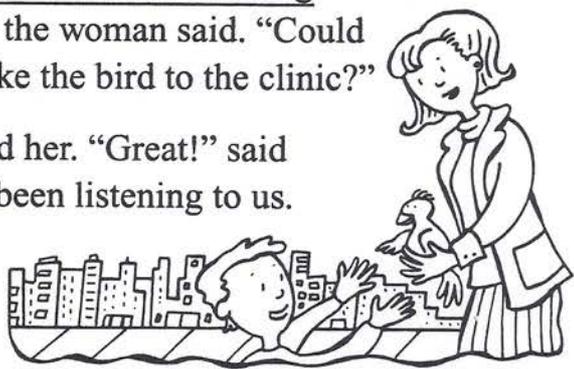


Notes for Home: Your child identified common and proper nouns and used capital letters to write proper nouns. **Home Activity:** Ask your child to use common nouns to identify persons, places, and things in your home. Then ask your child to replace each noun with a proper noun.

Grammar: Proper Nouns

Directions: Write a proper noun to replace the underlined words in the following sentences.

- _____ 1. One day my friend and I had a real adventure.
- _____ 2. We were walking on our street.
- _____ 3. We saw our neighbor and some other people standing around.
- _____ 4. Just then, a police officer drove up.
- _____ 5. "What's this?" he asked one woman, who was holding something.
- _____ 6. "I was in the park and found this injured bird," she answered.
- _____ 7. "I can't bring a bird all the way to the animal hospital," she continued.
- _____ 8. "No, but a veterinarian has a clinic around the corner," I said.
- _____ 9. "I have to be at a downtown building in ten minutes," the woman said. "Could someone else take the bird to the clinic?"
- _____ 10. "We'll go," I told her. "Great!" said a man who had been listening to us.



Write a News Story

On a separate sheet of paper, write a news story about an interesting event that happened near where you live. Think about these reporter questions as you write: Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? Use as many proper nouns as possible.



Notes for Home: Your child substituted proper nouns for common nouns. **Home Activity:** Encourage your child to tell you about the day's events, substituting proper nouns (*Jefferson Elementary School*) for common nouns (*school*).

Name _____



RETEACHING

Grammar: Proper Nouns

Match the nouns. Draw a line from a common noun to the proper noun that matches it.

Common Noun

1. man
2. country
3. road

Proper Noun

- Kennedy Parkway
George Washington
United States

A **common noun** names any of a kind or group of persons, places, or things. A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, or thing. Each important word in a proper noun begins with a capital letter.

Directions: Write each underlined noun in the correct column.

Laura Salerno visited her cousins in Brooklyn. The whole family rode a boat around Manhattan. They met some Italians there. Laura liked her trip.

Common Nouns

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Proper Nouns

5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Directions: Circle the proper noun or proper nouns in each sentence.

9. The Statue of Liberty has many visitors.
10. The statue is on Liberty Island in New York Harbor.
11. France gave this gift to the United States.
12. People can climb it for a view of New York.



Notes for Home: Your child identified proper nouns. **Home Activity:** List familiar places or people. (*park, store, neighbor, friend*) Have your child write a proper noun for each noun you wrote. (*Lee Park, Northbrook Foods, Mrs. Washbein, Lizzie Webster*)

Name _____

Grammar: Proper Nouns

Directions: Write a proper noun for each common noun. Use capital letters.

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|---------------|-------|------------|-------|
| 1. a state | _____ | 5. a river | _____ |
| 2. a neighbor | _____ | 6. a dog | _____ |
| 3. a day | _____ | 7. a date | _____ |
| 4. a doctor | _____ | 8. a city | _____ |

Directions: Write each sentence. Replace the underlined noun with a proper noun.

9. Jack sails on a lake in Ohio.

10. Jack also fishes in a lake.

11. A man sails with Jack on weekends.

12. Jack wants to sail on an ocean someday.

13. Mrs. Wright will sail there on a holiday.

Write a List of Proper Nouns

On a separate sheet of paper, write a list of proper nouns. Write the names of a river, a president, a date, a doctor, a park, and a country.



Notes for Home: Your child identified and wrote proper nouns in sentences. **Home Activity:** Have your child write a description of your neighborhood, using at least five proper nouns.