

Common Nouns and Proper Nouns

Common nouns are the names of **things** e.g. rabbit, tree, bed, chair, apple.

Proper nouns are the names of **people** or **places** e.g. **S**am, **M**r **M**essy, **G**lasgow, **M**ars, **K**irkhill **R**oad. Proper nouns must begin with a capital letter.

1. Cut out the words on the next page. Now arrange all the **common nouns** together in one group and arrange all the **proper nouns** in another group.

2. Make a list of all the **proper nouns** in this text.
How many can you find?

Princess Grumpypants lived in a palace in a part of England that not many people knew about. Her father, King Chucklebelly, liked it that way. "No annoying visitors for us!" he chuckled. "No irritating Aunt Martha and Uncle Sidney trying to spend their holidays in our palace! They did once try to find their way here, but they took a wrong turning and ended up in Belfast." Princess Grumpypants sighed. It would have been nice to have had her friends Sally Sparkle and Joe Jittery to stay sometimes. The palace felt as lonely as the planet Neptune.

3. Make a list of all the **common nouns** in this text.
How many can you find?

Scratchy the cat was the fattest cat in Glasgow. It didn't matter how much he ate, he still felt hungry. For instance, yesterday he ate twenty-nine fish fingers, seven tins of tuna, a whole salmon and a box of cat biscuits. His tummy grew as big and as round as a space hopper. But still he wanted more. He licked his whiskers and looked around to see what he could have for his next snack. Suddenly his owner, Granny McTavish, came into the room wearing a new hat with a huge blue fake peacock on it. "I'm a cat - and cats eat birds!" he thought Before Granny McTavish knew what was happening, Scratchy had leapt up onto her head and swallowed the peacock in one greedy gulp! That night he had the worst tummy ache of his whole life. Serve him right, greedy old cat!

4. The proper nouns in this text have no capital letters. Can you fix them?

hagrid took harry to diagon alley to buy the things he needed for hogwarts. He got a beautiful snowy owl and named her hedwig. Then he went to olivander's wand shop and chose a wand. He didn't know at that time that the wand was linked to the evil voldemort's wand.

sock	Scotland	Harry Potter
grass	donkey	Abbie
spoon	River Clyde	The Glenlee (tall ship)
star	Titanic	hamster
witch	Silverburn	Asda
ladybird	Mum	mum