

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. **Sam**, **Mr Messy**, **Glasgow**, **Mars**, **Kirkhill Road**. 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 Grumpyants 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 Grumpyants** 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 **Ollivander'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	Glenlee (tall ship)
star	Titanic	hamster
witch	Silverburn	Asda
ladybird	Mum	mum