

## Kinds of Nouns: Exercise

Point out the nouns in the following sentences and say whether they are common, proper, collective or abstract.

1. Always speak the truth. Truth is a/an

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common noun

proper noun

abstract noun

2. Honesty is the best policy. Honesty is a/an

.....

collective noun

common noun

abstract noun

3. King Solomon was famous for his wisdom.  
Solomon is a/an .....

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proper noun

common noun

abstract noun

4. A committee of five was appointed. Committee is a/an .....

common noun

collective noun

proper noun

5. We saw a fleet of ships in the harbour. Fleet is a/an .....

common noun

collective noun

proper noun

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6. He gave me a bunch of grapes. Bunch is a/an

.....

common noun

collective noun

abstract noun

7. London is on the river Thames. Thames is a/an

.....

proper noun

common noun

abstract noun

8. Cleanliness is next to godliness. Cleanliness is a/an .....

common noun

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proper noun

abstract noun

9. Wisdom is better than riches. Wisdom is a/an

.....

collective noun

common noun

abstract noun

10. Winston Churchill was one of the greatest Prime Ministers of England. Prime ministers is a/an .....

common noun

proper noun

abstract noun

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### Answers

1. truth: abstract noun
2. honesty: abstract noun, policy: abstract noun
3. King: common noun, Solomon: proper noun, wisdom: abstract noun
4. committee: collective noun
5. a fleet: collective noun, ships: common noun, harbour: common noun
6. a bunch: collective noun, grapes: common noun
7. London: proper noun, river: common noun, Thames: proper noun
8. cleanliness: abstract noun, godliness: abstract noun
9. wisdom: abstract noun, riches: abstract noun
10. Winston Churchill: proper noun, Prime Ministers: common noun, England: proper noun
11. voice: abstract noun
12. team: collective noun

### Notes

A proper noun is the name of a particular person, place or thing.

A common noun is a name given in common to every person or thing of the same class or kind.

A collective noun is the name of a collection of people or things taken together and spoken of as a whole.

An abstract noun is the name of a quality, action or state which we cannot see or touch.