

## Proper nouns and common nouns

Common nouns are names of people, places and things in general. Examples are: mother, tiger, city and table.

Proper nouns are the names of a particular person, place or thing. Examples are: Karan, India, Jasmine, Antarctica, Greenland and Alps.

Identify the proper nouns and common nouns in the following sentences.

Tips:

It is easy to identify proper nouns - they always start with a capital letter.

It is easy to identify common nouns - they have both singular and plural forms.

### 1. The boys were flying kites on the beach.

Kites is a proper noun

Kites is a common noun

### 2. There was an earthquake in Italy on Monday.

Monday is a proper noun

Monday is a common noun

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3. Radha bought a bicycle for her brother.

Radha is a proper noun and bicycle is a common noun

Radha is a common noun and bicycle is a proper noun

Radha and bicycle are proper nouns

4. India is the seventh largest country in the world.

India is a proper noun and world is a common noun

India and world are common nouns

India and country are proper nouns

5. Jane, my sister, wants to be an air hostess.

Jane is a proper noun and air hostess is a common noun

Jane is a common noun and air hostess is a proper noun

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6. I forgot my umbrella at home.

Umbrella and home are proper nouns

Umbrella and home are common nouns

7. America is one of the most developed countries in the world.

America is a proper noun and countries is a common noun

America and countries are common nouns

America and countries are proper nouns

8. Agra is on the banks of river Yamuna.

Agra and Yamuna are proper nouns

Agra and Yamuna are common nouns

River is a proper noun and Agra is a common noun

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9. The coach was angry when the boys lost the championship.

Coach and boys are proper nouns

Coach and boys are common nouns

Coach is a proper noun and championship is a common noun

10. Titanic is the name of the ship that sank on its maiden journey.

Titanic is a proper noun and ship is a common noun

Titanic is a common noun and ship is a proper noun

## Answers

1. The boys were flying kites on the beach. (boys, kites and beach – common noun)
2. There was an earthquake in Italy on Monday. (earthquake – common noun; Italy and Monday – proper nouns)
3. Radha bought a bicycle for her brother. (Radha – proper noun; bicycle and brother – common nouns)

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5. Jane, my sister, wants to be an airhostess. (Jane – proper noun; sister and airhostess – common nouns)
6. I forgot my umbrella at home. (umbrella and home – common nouns)
7. America is one of the most developed countries in the world. (America – proper noun; countries and world – common nouns)
8. Agra is on the banks of river Yamuna. (Agra and Yamuna – proper nouns; banks and river – common nouns)
9. The coach was angry when the boys lost the championship. (coach, boys and championship – common nouns)
10. Titanic is the name of the ship that sank on its maiden journey. (Titanic – proper noun; ship, name and journey – common nouns)