

Noun

A noun is a word that refers to a name of a specific object or set of objects, a thing, a person(soldier, cousin, lawyer), an animal(rat, shark), a place(house, London, factory), a quality, an idea(confusion, kindness, Theory of Relativity, joy), or an action. It's usually a single word, but not always.

Example: cake, shoes, school bus, and time are all nouns.

Another Example in a sentence:

The dog ran very fast.

June is my favorite month.

Teachers emphasize the importance of grammar.

Classification of nouns

Common Nouns: A common noun refers to a person, place, or thing but is not the name of a particular person, place, or thing. Examples are animal, sunlight, person, City, dog and happiness etc.

Another Example in a sentence:

It is a bridge.

(The word "bridge" is a common noun.)

Proper Noun: A proper noun is a noun representing unique entities like person, place, or thing; it usually begins with a capital letter: Examples are New York, Abdul Kalam, India, Pakistan are all proper nouns.

Another Example in a sentence:

It is London Bridge.

(The name "London Bridge" is a proper noun.)

Collective Noun: A collective noun is a noun that names a group of people or things, such as flock or squad. Examples are team, choir, pack etc.

Abstract Nouns

Abstract nouns are things you cannot see or touch. Examples are bravery, joy, determination etc.

Concrete Nouns

Concrete nouns are things you can see or touch. Examples are tree, hammer, cloud etc.

Gerunds:

Gerunds are nouns that end "-ing" and that represent actions. Gerunds have verb-like properties.

For example

- happily building a tower
- quickly drawing the scene
- suddenly attacking the enemy

Countable and Non-countable Nouns

A countable noun is a noun with both a singular and a plural form (e.g., "dog/dogs," "pie/pies").

A non-countable noun is a noun without a plural form (e.g., "oxygen, patience"). Examples are below

These are countable:

- mountain (singular) / mountains (plural)
- fight / fights
- kiss / kisses

These are non-countable: (With no plural forms)

- food (always singular)
- music (always singular)
- water (always singular)

Mass Noun: A mass noun or Non-count noun refers to something that cannot be counted. Mass nouns are normally not used after the words a or an or after a number. They have only one form and are used with singular verb forms, as in "The information was unclear."

