

NOUNS (3)

Proper Nouns (06) - Part B: Medium (2)

Proper Nouns

10 min

What is a proper noun?

A proper noun is a noun for people, places (countries, cities, etc.), months, and days. It starts with a capital letter. Generally, there is no article before.

Examples:

Steve(first name)

Mr. Smith(last name)

Japan(country)

London(city)

March(month)

Wednesday(day)



We use 'the' before a country's name when this name includes a noun (such as state, kingdom...).

Examples

Maria has never been to **the Netherlands**.

He travels from **the United States** to **the United Kingdom** every year.

The capital letter is not just for proper nouns. It is also used for each word in a title, whether a book title, a person's title, etc.

Examples

Vice-President Jones

A Midsummer Night's Dream

World Food Prices Increase

Writing Exercise

5 min

What is the proper noun?

1. Jennifer is at work today. → _____
2. Today is Tuesday, she has an important meeting. → _____
3. This meeting is in Chicago. → _____
4. The Vice-President is also going to the meeting. → _____
5. The next meeting is in June. → _____

Speaking Exercise

5 min

Listen to your teacher ask these questions and answer.

1. What is your first name?
2. What is your last name?
3. What city or town do you live in?
4. What is the name of the President in your country?
5. What is today's date?

Watch the Video!

10 min

With this video lesson, you practice common nouns and proper nouns.

Watch the video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iU_TDKGkbJQ

Watch it again and answer the questions:

1. Complete the sentence:

Some nouns are called common nouns. These nouns name a _____ class or group of people, places, ideas or things.

2. At 0:27, what are the two common nouns in the sentence?

_____, _____

3. Complete the sentence:

There are also proper nouns. These nouns name a _____ person, place or thing, and usually begin with a capital _____.

4. At 1:32, what is the proper noun in the sentence?

Quiz

5 min

True or False?

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|---|------|-------|
| 1. A proper noun is a noun for people, places, months, and days. | true | false |
| 2. A proper noun starts with a capital letter. | true | false |
| 3. A proper noun is a common noun. | true | false |
| 4. We use 'the' before a country's name when this name includes a noun. | true | false |

What are the proper nouns in the sentences?

1. We will go to Niagara Falls on Friday. → _____, _____
2. My brother was born in June. → _____
3. I am interested in emerging countries like Brazil. → _____
4. Miss Simpson is traveling to Amsterdam. → _____, _____