

NOUNS (3)

The Formation of Nouns (02)

Forming a Noun

5 min

Unfortunately, there is no simple rule that connects a noun to the adjective or verb it comes from. But they generally look similar.

Examples:

Nouns coming from a verb:

to organize → *organization*

to change → *change*

to try → *trial*

Nouns coming from an adjective:

strong → *strength*

stupid → *stupidity*

intelligent → *intelligence*

Writing Exercise

5 min

Match the words to the nouns.

1. weak
2. beautiful
3. capable
4. to think
5. to succeed
6. to fly
7. to mean
8. mobile
9. strong
10. active

- a. a thought
- b. capacity
- c. a flight
- d. the meaning
- e. mobility
- f. strength
- g. weakness
- h. activity
- i. beauty
- j. success

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Watch the Video!

10 min

With this song, you will practice nouns.

Note: the video is a bit childish.

Watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tc-ukN1Rvb8&feature=related>

Listen to the song again and complete with the words in the box:

Time: 0:00

place / thing / nouns / person

Well every _____ you can know,
And every _____ that you can go,
And anything that you can show,
You know they're _____.
A noun's a special kind of word,
It's any name you ever heard.
I find it quite interesting,
A noun's a person, place or _____.

Oh I took a train, took a train, to another state.
The flora and the fauna that I saw were really great.
But when I saw some bandits chasing the train,
I was wishing I was back home again.
I took a train, took a train, to another state.

Time: 0:42

plants / can / go / nouns

Well every person you _____ know...
(Like a bandit or an engineer.)
And every place that you can _____...
(Like a state or a home.)
And anything that you can show...
(Like animals and _____ or a train.)
You know they're nouns

You know they're _____, oh!

Mrs. Jones is a lady on Hudson Street.
She sent her dog to bark at my brother and me.
We gave her dog a big fat bone,
And now he barks at Mrs. Jones.
She's a lady who lives on Hudson Street.

Time: 1:16

nouns / brother / street / show

Well every person you can know...
(Mrs. Jones, a lady or a _____.)
And every place that you can go...
(Like a _____ or a corner.)
And anything that you can _____...
(Like a dog or a bone.)
Well you know they're _____
You know they're nouns, oh!

I took a ferry to the Statue of Liberty.
My best friend was waiting there for me.
(He took an early ferry.)
We went for a walk on the island you know,
And in the middle of summer it started to snow when...
I took a ferry to the Statue of Liberty.

Time: 1:49

friend / statue / snow / sea

Well every person you can know...
(Like a _____ or the captain of a ship.)
And every place that you can go...
(An island or a _____.)
And anything that you can show...
(Like a _____, a ferry or _____.)
Well you know they're nouns
You know they're nouns, oh!

I put a dime in the drugstore record machine.
Oldie-goldies started playing - you know what I mean.
I heard Chubby Checker, he was doing the twist,
And the Beatles and the Monkees
It goes like this.
I put a dime in the drugstore record machine.

Well every person you can know...
(The Beatles and the Monkees; Chubby Checker.)
And every place that you can go...
(Like a neighborhood or a store.)
And anything that you can show...
(Like a dime or a record machine.)
Well you know they're nouns.

Time: 2:38

place / thing / name / person

A noun's a special kind of word.
It's any _____ you ever heard.
I find it quite interesting,
A noun's a _____, _____ or _____.