Common Nouns and Proper Nouns



- A common noun names a general person, place, animal, thing, or idea.

- Common nouns usually start with a lowercase letter.

- A proper noun names a special person, place, animal, or thing. Proper nouns always begin with a capital letter.

COMMON NOUN (general)		PROPER NOUN (special name)
girl	→	Maya
city	→	London
dog	→	Buddy
school	→	Sunshine Elementary
month	→	January



Common = general.
Proper = special name.
Proper nouns start with capital letters.

Practice: Common or Proper Noun?



1 Circle C for common noun or P for proper noun.

1. teacher	C	P	4. Central Park	C	P
2. Emma	C	P	5. cat	C	P
3. park	C	P	6. Whiskers	C	P

2 Sort the words into the correct box.

river, Amazon River, boy, Daniel, country, Canada

Common Nouns	Proper Nouns

3 Fix the capital letters.



1. my friend is named lucas. _____
2. we visited paris. _____
3. the dog's name is max. _____

4 Write your own examples.

One common noun: _____

One proper noun: _____



Remember

Proper nouns begin with capital letters.