

English Notes

Nouns

A noun names a person, place, thing or an idea. A noun can tell who or what. Two types of nouns are common and proper nouns.

A common noun- names any person, place, thing or idea. A common noun begins with a lowercase letter.

A proper noun – names a particular person, place or thing. Words that name people’s titles, holidays, days of the week, and months are also proper nouns. Each main word in a proper noun begins with a capital letter.

	People	Places	Things
Common	Girl	City	Month
Proper	Emily Davis	Austin, Texas	November

More Examples:

Common Nouns: The **basketball player** helped his **team** win the **game**.

Proper Nouns: **Michael Jordan** helped the **U.S. Olympic team** win.



Don't forget, there maybe more than one common or proper noun in each sentence. Make sure you find them all!

Singular and Plural Nouns

A singular noun names one person, place, thing or idea.

A plural noun names more than one person, place, thing, or idea.

Rules for making singular nouns plural	
1. Most nouns just add <i>s</i> .	<i>Examples: days runners</i>
2. Add <i>es</i> to nouns that end in <i>s</i> , <i>x</i> , <i>ch</i> , or <i>sh</i> .	<i>churches axes</i>
3. A noun ending in a consonant and <i>y</i> , change the <i>y</i> to <i>i</i> and add <i>es</i> .	<i>countries</i>
4. Nouns ending in <i>f</i> or <i>fe</i> , drop the <i>f</i> or <i>fe</i> and add <i>ves</i> .	<i>knives</i>

Some nouns are irregular and have special spellings in the plural form. Other irregular nouns have the same spelling for both the singular and plural forms.

Irregular Nouns

Singular	foot	child	ox	deer
Plural	feet	children	oxen	deer