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Identifying Proper and Common Nouns Worksheet

A proper noun names a specific person, place, thing or idea.

A common noun does not name a particular person, place, thing or idea. It does not begin with a capital letter.

Directions: Identify the underlined word in each sentence as a proper or common noun. Write (P) for proper and (C) for common.

Example A: The Yankees are a good baseball team. _____

Answer: P

1. The Lakers play basketball tonight. _____
2. The family will eat together at the table. _____
3. The bear climbed up the tree. _____
4. I live in the state of Washington. _____
5. We traveled down the Mississippi River. _____
6. The Texas Longhorns are a good football team. _____
7. We will play soccer at the park. _____
8. I will walk home after school. _____
9. We saw a lion at the zoo. _____
10. We went to Lake Arrowhead for vacation. _____
11. The Boston Celtics won many championships. _____
12. We need to prepare for going back to school. _____

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CCSS 1.L.1.b Use common, proper, and possessive nouns.

Common and Proper Nouns

Common nouns name a person, place, or thing. They do not begin with a capital letter.

Proper nouns name a specific person, place, or thing. They always begin with a capital letter.

 **Directions:** Write a proper noun to go with each common noun.

Common Noun	Proper Noun
truck	Ford
restaurant	
park	
girl	
teacher	
school	
store	
movie	
boy	
dog	
river	
cartoon	

Name _____ **Common Nouns**

Common Nouns

A common noun is a person, place or thing. A common noun does not need to be capitalized. A proper noun is a specific person, place or thing. A proper noun always begins with a capital letter.



DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence. If the bolded noun in each sentence is common, circle "common." If it is a proper noun, circle "proper."

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| 1. My neighbor has an in-ground pool. | common | proper |
| 2. I left my purse at work. | common | proper |
| 3. My birthday is in november . | common | proper |
| 4. The largest country in the world is russia . | common | proper |
| 5. Our local baseball team is called the blue crabs . | common | proper |
| 6. I always do my writing on the computer . | common | proper |
| 7. Karen brought cookies to class. | common | proper |
| 8. My favorite kind of apple is granny smith . | common | proper |
| 9. My father has a job with boeing . | common | proper |
| 10. I like for my cell phone to have a very big screen. | common | proper |
| 11. All of our electronics are samsung . | common | proper |

Rewrite the proper nouns, using correct capitalization.

Name _____ **Common Nouns**

Common Nouns

A noun can be a common noun or a proper noun. Proper nouns are the names of specific people, places, things, or ideas. A proper noun always begins with a capital letter. Common nouns are not specific. They are not names, so they are only capitalized if they are the first word in a sentence.

COMMON NOUN: girl

PROPER NOUN: Jane

COMMON NOUN: dog

PROPER NOUN: Beagle



DIRECTIONS: Is the underlined noun common or proper? Write your answer on the line.

1. I love that restaurant. _____

2. I never have homework in math. _____

3. We shop at Safeway. _____

4. Mrs. Miller is my neighbor. _____

5. I like to use colored pencils. _____

6. I live in Oregon. _____

7. That band played in the park yesterday. _____

8. Is that dog a German Shephard? _____

9. I got a job with Goldman Sachs. _____

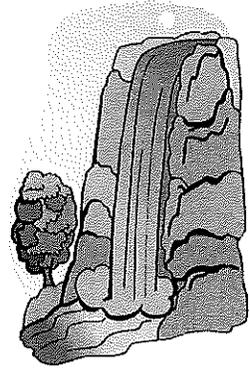
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Common and Proper Nouns

Determine whether each noun is a common noun or a proper noun.

- If the noun is common, write common noun on the line.
- If the noun is proper, re-write the noun on the line using correct capitalization.

examples:	waterfall	<u>common noun</u>
	niagara falls	<u>Niagara Falls</u>



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| 1. march | _____ | 2. month | _____ |
| 3. day | _____ | 4. tuesday | _____ |
| 5. holiday | _____ | 6. christmas | _____ |
| 7. cereal | _____ | 8. cheerios | _____ |
| 9. dr. gomez | _____ | 10. doctor | _____ |
| 11. city | _____ | 12. boston | _____ |
| 13. street | _____ | 14. main street | _____ |
| 15. burger king | _____ | 16. restaurant | _____ |
| 17. slate creek | _____ | 18. creek | _____ |
| 19. dog | _____ | 20. snoopy | _____ |

★ **Challenge:** Write a complete sentence that has a proper noun and a common noun in it.
