



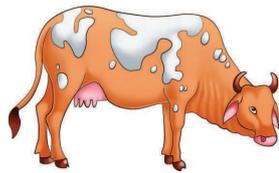
The Noun

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A. Look and Learn :



teacher



cow



tree



car



school

The word **teacher** is the name of a **person**.

The word **cow** is the name of an **animal**.

The word **tree** is the name of a **thing**.

The word **car** is the name of a **thing**.

The word **school** is the name of a **place**.

Teacher, cow, tree, car and school are naming words. Naming words are called **NOUNS**.

NOUN is the name of a person, animal, place or thing.

B. Look at the following sentences.

This is Radha. She is my friend.

The word **Radha** is the name of a person. The word **friend** is also the name of a person. The word **Radha** is the name of a particular girl while the word **friend** is a name that is common to all. **Friend** is a **COMMON NOUN**.

Words like boy, woman, mother, son, uncle and doctor are common nouns. Words like Madhu, Ravi, Sunil, Mr Sharma and Mrs Patel are proper nouns.

The names of places. **City** is a common noun and **Jaipur** is a proper noun. City is a name that is common to all cities. Jaipur is the name of a particular city. In the same way, **Japan** is a proper noun and **country** is a common noun.

Common nouns are the names that are

common to all persons,
places or things of the same kind.

A proper noun is the name of
one particular person, place or thing.

They always begin with a capital letter.

Some pet animals (like dogs and cats) are given special names,

Example: Jimmy, Tommy, Kitty. Such names are also proper nouns.

Below are further examples.

Common Nouns

festival

month

day

language

Proper Nouns

Holi, Christmas, Eid, Deepawali

April, December

Sunday, Monday

English, Hindi, Tamil

C. Look at the following sentences.

(i) Radha is a girl.

(ii) Sita is a girl.

Here, one cannot call Radha as Sita and Sita as Radha . Radha and Sita are PROPER NOUNS.

D. Underline all the nouns in the following sentences.

1. Rani saw a dog on the road.

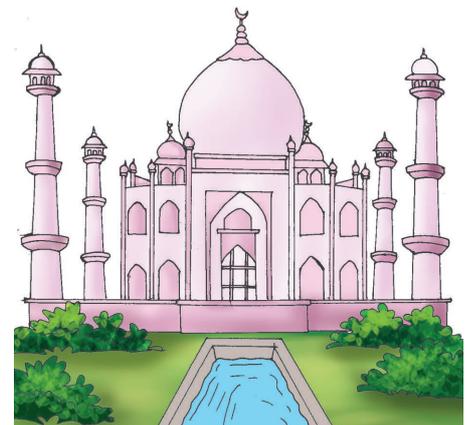
2. My school does not open on Sunday.
3. January is the first month of the year.
4. My father speaks English.
5. Sita was kidnapped by Ravan.
6. Sunil knows how to drive a car.
7. The Ganga is a holy river.



8. Amit caught a fish.
9. Mr Sharma had a dog named Moti.
10. A man is following a bus.
11. The boy has lost his pen and pencil.
12. Our teacher took us to Mount Abu.



13. Delhi is the capital of India.
14. Rani liked to talk to Sita.
15. My brother bought a mobile.
16. The Taj Mahal was built by Shah Jahan.
17. My father takes the train to work.



18. Diwali falls in the month of October or November
19. Dr Mehta works only on Monday and Tuesday.
20. Hillary Clinton doesn't speak Russian.

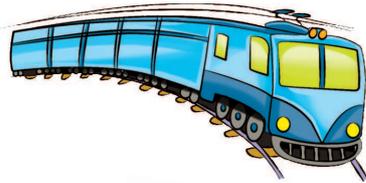
E. Now, write the proper nouns here from the above sentences :

F. Write proper nouns for the following common nouns.

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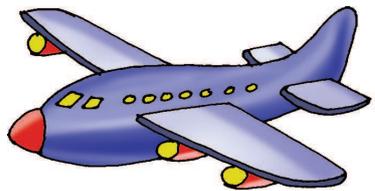
G. Put any Proper Noun for the following Common Nouns.

What name will you give to

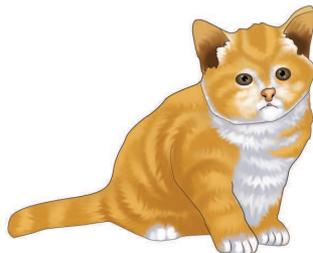
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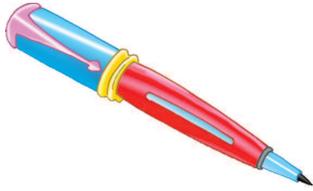




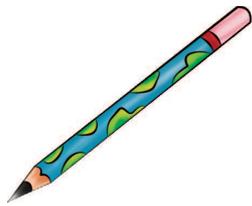
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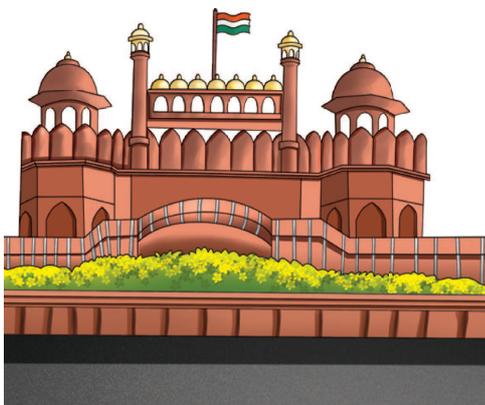
H. Write down.

1. The names of ten things in your house.

2. Ten things that you can see in your school.

3. The names of your six friends or relatives.

4. The names of six places.



The nouns **girl** and **pen** are singular. SINGULAR means "one".

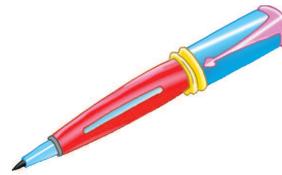
The nouns **girls** and **pens** are plural. PLURAL means "more than one".



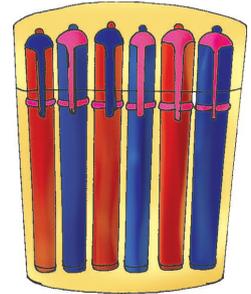
a girl



girls



a pen



pens

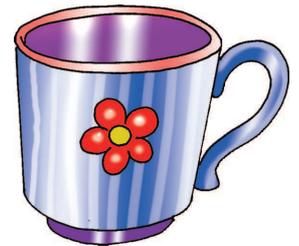
To make the plural we usually add - s to the noun.

girl → girls

cup → cups

pen → pens

tree → trees



But some nouns form their plural differently.

(i) We add - es after nouns ending in - s, - ss, - sh, - ch and - x.

bus → buses

bench → benches

dish → dishes

fox → foxes

class → classes



(ii) A few nouns ending in - o add - es in the plural.

buffalo → buffaloes

tomato → tomatoes

potato → potatoes

mango → mangoes

But some nouns ending in - o have only - s.

They are :-

photo → photos

studio → studios

kilo → kilos

video → videos

piano → pianos

domino → dominos



(iii) Nouns ending in a consonant + y change the y into - 'i' and add - es = - ies

baby → babies

city → cities

lady → ladies

fly → flies

But we add only - 's' with ending vowel + 'y'.

toy → toys

tray → trays

key → keys

day → days



(iv) Some nouns end in f or fe. We change 'f' to 'v' and add es".

life → lives

knife → knives

calf → calves

thief → thieves

wife → wives

leaf → leaves



(v) Some plural nouns don't follow - 's' rule.

foot → feet

woman → women

tooth → teeth

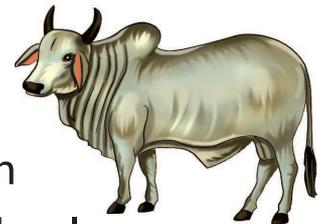
mouse → mice

man → men

goose → geese

ox → oxen

child → children



(vi) The nouns sheep and deer do not change in the plural:

We say "one sheep", "two sheep", "one deer", "many deer", etc.



A. Fill in the blanks.

One

1. one key
2. one lady
3. one toy
4. one zoo
5. one photo
6. one child
7. one leaf
8. one ox _____
9. one _____
10. one _____
11. one _____
12. one _____
13. one tomato
14. one deer
15. one tooth
16. one zero

More than one

- two _____
- three _____
- two _____
- many _____
- three _____
- several _____
- many _____
- four _____
- two buses
- two women
- several boxes
- two fish
- five _____
- four _____
- three _____
- two _____

B. Are the following plural nouns right (✓) or wrong (X)?

1. 1 tomatoes _____

2. 5 orange _____

3. 6 apples _____

4. 4 leaf _____

5. 1 onions _____

6. 6 eggs _____

7. 2 boxes of matchsticks _____

8. 3 potatoes _____

9. 1 fishes _____

10. 2 knives _____

