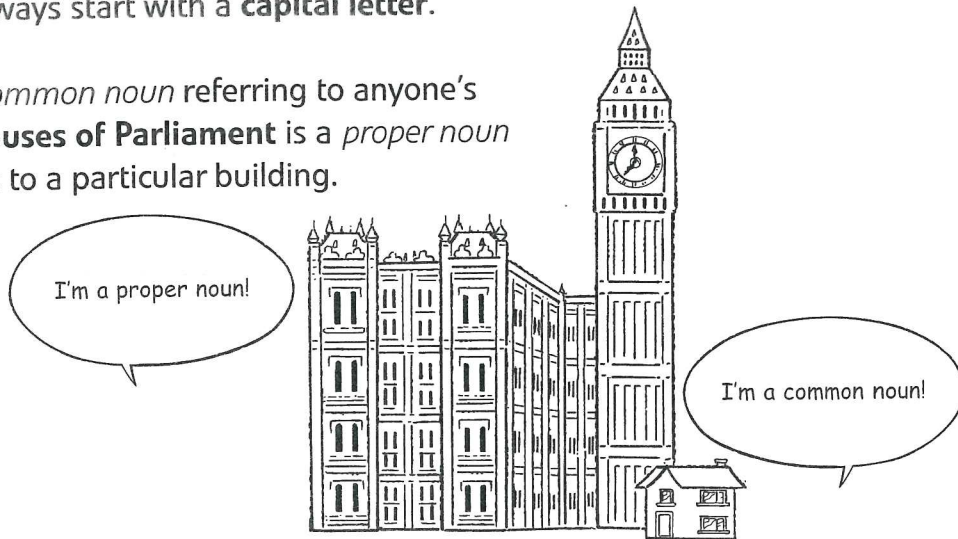


Proper and Collective Nouns

Proper nouns

Proper nouns are nouns that name a *particular* or *special* person, place or thing. Proper nouns always start with a **capital letter**.

So, **house** is a *common noun* referring to anyone's dwelling, but **Houses of Parliament** is a *proper noun* because it refers to a particular building.



Similarly, **fish** is a *common noun* as it can refer to any fish, but **Koi** is a *proper noun* referring to one type of fish.

Your name is a *proper noun*. Other examples of proper nouns are **the days of the week**, **the months of the year** and **place names**.

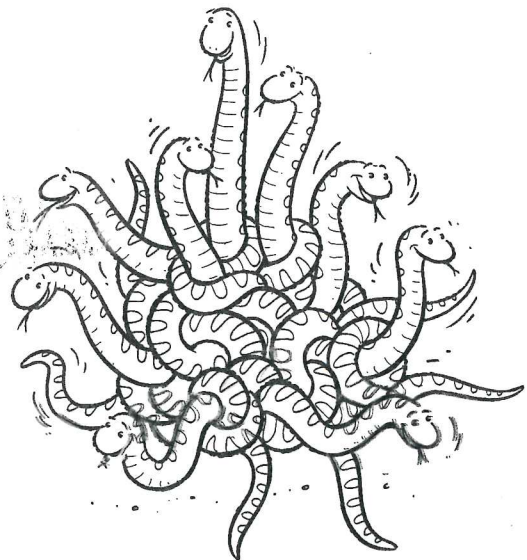
Sentences can contain both proper nouns and common nouns. For example:

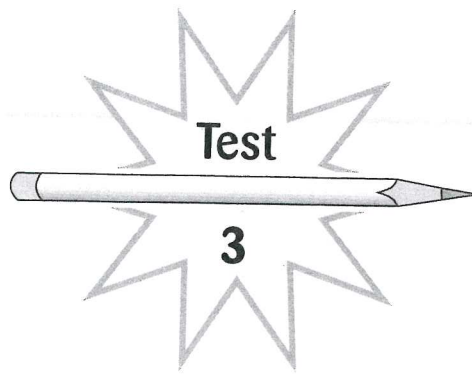
- ★ He plays *football* on **Saturday**.
- ★ **London** is the capital *city* of **England**.
- ★ **Mrs. Sanders** is my *teacher*.
- ★ *Lambs* are born in the **Spring**.
- ★ My favourite *author* is **Beatrix Potter**.
- ★ Her *cat* is called **Bongo**.

Collective nouns

A **collective noun** is a noun that names a *group* of things, people or animals. For example:

- ★ A **pack** of dogs
- ★ A **pod** of dolphins
- ★ A **class** of children
- ★ A **nest** of vipers





Read these sentences and list the nouns in the correct box.

1. Beckham plays football for Manchester United.
2. My birthday is in October.
3. Friday is five days after Sunday.
4. Queen Elizabeth II has opened a new bridge.
5. The class went to Paris through the Channel Tunnel.

Proper nouns	Common nouns

Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

flock pack class shoal swarm

6. A _____ of dogs roamed the estate.
7. A _____ of sheep grazed in the field.
8. The _____ of fish raced away from the shark.
9. The _____ of children raised two hundred pounds.
10. The _____ of bees buzzed angrily.
11. A _____ of birds flew in the sky.