

nouns

A **noun** is a word that names a person, a thing or a place in a sentence. For example, in the sentence below, *children*, *ball* and *playground* are all nouns:

The children play ball in the playground.

Count nouns

Count nouns, which are also called **countable nouns**, name things that we can count one by one:

one teacher

two bells

three flowers

five hundred apples

Noncount nouns

Noncount nouns, which are also called **uncountable nouns**, name things that come in a mass and we cannot count, for example:

gases: air, oxygen

liquids: water, milk, blood, petrol

powders: salt, sand, sugar, flour

substances: coal, concrete, iron, rice, steel, cotton, grass

things: luggage, furniture, machinery, clothing, equipment

Proper nouns

Proper nouns are the names of particular people, groups, places, events and occasions. They begin with a capital letter:

people: John, Superman, Mr Green

groups and organizations: Manchester United, Greenpeace

places: The Louvre, Paris, France, Europe, Atlantic Ocean, Earth

geographical places: Mount Everest, Hoover Dam, Lake Geneva, Sherwood Forest

days, months, special occasions and events: Tuesday, April, Christmas, Eid

Collective nouns

Collective nouns refer to a group of people or things that make up a larger whole:

a flock (of sheep)

a team (of players)

an army (of soldiers)

a herd (of cows)

a bunch (of flowers)

a pile (of clothes or papers)

a crowd (of people)

a gang (of children)

a swarm (of insects)