

Grade 8 NTI Day #6 ELA

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Nouns Worksheets

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Important:

This assignment will also be available in Google Classroom. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Lee with any questions via email: andrea.lee@pineville.kyschools.us

5 COMPOUND NOUNS

A compound noun is one noun made by joining two or more words.

Compound nouns can be single words, hyphenated words, or two or more separate words. See the examples below.

Single Word	caregiver, courthouse, heartbreak, hometown, paycheck, weekday
Hyphenated Word	heads-up, ping-pong, merry-go-round, sister-in-law, hip-hop
Separate Words	decision maker, file cabinet, guest room, North Carolina, text message

PRACTICE A Identifying Compound Nouns

Read each sentence. Then, write any compound nouns on the lines provided. Some sentences have more than one compound noun. Draw a line between the words that make up each compound noun.

Example: Miguel woke at sunrise on the solstice.

Answer: sun | rise

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| <p>1. Bloodhounds have an excellent sense of smell.
_____</p> <p>2. The Black Hills are in South Dakota.
_____</p> <p>3. Is the silverware in the dining room?
_____</p> | <p>4. Jayla drives a hatchback, and Ray drives a pickup. _____</p> <p>5. We're having lima beans and baked potatoes for dinner. _____</p> <p>6. When I flip the light switch, the lightbulb does not come on. _____</p> |
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PRACTICE B Writing Compound Nouns

Read each sentence. Then, write the compound noun on the line. Each sentence has only one compound noun.

Example: My great-grandmother was a suffragist.

Answer: great-grandmother

1. The band on Mr. Ali's vintage wristwatch broke. _____
2. My room has an entire wall of bookshelves. _____
3. The president and the vice president will take office next Tuesday. _____
4. Martin went on a break at lunchtime. _____
5. Hank poured some coffee out of the coffeepot. _____
6. The girl rang the doorbell to see if we wanted to buy cookies. _____
7. There are days when I miss my hometown. _____
8. The crew threw a life jacket to the person who fell into the harbor. _____
9. For a snack, I ate some slices of apple with peanut butter. _____
10. Olivia planted a garden in her backyard. _____

Writing and Speaking Application

Write a paragraph describing a typical weekend event for you, using at least five compound nouns. Circle the compound nouns. Read your paragraph to a partner, who should listen for and name the compound nouns you used. Then, switch roles.

6 COMMON AND PROPER NOUNS

A common noun names any one of a class of people, places, things, or ideas. A proper noun names a specific person, place, thing, or idea.

Common nouns are not capitalized (except at the start of a sentence or in a title). Proper nouns are always capitalized. See the examples below.

Common Nouns	boy, language, mountain, continent, drama
Proper Nouns	Tom, French, Mount Everest, Asia, <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>

PRACTICE A Identifying Common and Proper Nouns

Read each sentence. Then, underline the common nouns and circle the proper nouns.

Example: The largest freshwater lake in the world is Lake Superior.

Answer: The largest freshwater lake in the world is Lake Superior.

- The deepest lake in the United States is Crater Lake in Oregon.
- The first woman from the United States who went to space was Sally Ride.
- The artist famous for painting cans of soup is Andy Warhol.
- That national monument, Canyon de Chelly Quarries, is in Arizona.
- More than 2,000 sites in Texas are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Elizabeth I was a queen who once ruled England.
- Mount St. Helens is an active volcano in Washington.
- Summer Triangle is a constellation that contains the star Deneb.
- The oldest building in Manhattan is St. Paul's Chapel.
- The *Titanic* was a ship that sank in the North Atlantic Ocean.

PRACTICE B Writing With Proper Nouns

Read each sentence. Then, rewrite the sentence, replacing the underlined words with proper nouns. You may make up the names of people, places, and things as needed.

Example: My neighbor walks her dog every day.

Answer: Alanna walks Scamp every day.

- I read a book by an author. _____
- My friend wants to see a sports team play. _____
- My friend and I watched an old movie. _____
- My lab partner speaks a language. _____
- My friend takes a bus up a street. _____
- My neighbors went to a geographical location for vacation. _____
- My sister majors in a foreign language at a university. _____
- My aunt is moving to a city in the third month of the year. _____

Writing and Speaking Application

Write a paragraph about a place, using at least four common and three proper nouns. Read your paragraph to a partner, who should listen for and name the proper nouns you used. Then, switch roles with your partner.