

Types of Nouns

A noun is the name we give to a person, place, thing, event, substance, quality, or idea. Nouns can be sorted into a number of sub-categories.

Common Nouns:

The name of a thing. It represents one of a type of thing or all of the group. When used in a sentence it will have "the", "a" or "an" in front of it.

(a cat, an elephant, a book, a library)

Proper Nouns:

Things that have a clear individual identity: they are one of a kind.
(Melissa, London, Cinderella, King Kong, Disney Land)

Countable Nouns:

Things that can become plural.
(snakes, toads, chairs, tables, doors, handles)

Uncountable Nouns:

Things that can't become plural
(laughter, cutlery, people, furniture, anger)

Concrete Nouns:

Things that can be observed by at least one of the senses.
(grape, perfume)

Abstract Nouns:

Things that can't be observed by the senses.
(hatred, love, jealousy, hope)