

nouns

What is a noun?

A noun is the name of a person, place or 'thing'.



Examples in action

I shoved on my floppy **hat**.

The brave **teenager** rescued the dog.

Jittering roof **tiles** began to rattle and a rusty **gate** swung back and forth.

Where can they be found?

Usually, a determiner comes before a noun, such as, 'a', 'an' or 'the'.

The **path** was narrow.

A **rocket** flew through the **sky**.

Singular and Plural

Nouns can be singular (referring to one person or object) or plural (more than one).

Leaf —————> Leaves

Mat —————> Mats

Strawberry —————> Strawberries

Types of noun: There are four types of noun.

Type of noun	Definition	Examples
Proper	A proper noun names something specific, like the name of a person, brand or place.	Paris Mr Jones Thursday September
Common	Common is where something happens often. Common nouns name general things.	tree table month pencils
Collective	Collective means as a group. Collective nouns describe a group or collection of people or things.	swarm army bunch audience
Abstract	If something is abstract, it exists only as a thought or an idea. It does not have a physical existence.	bravery friendship power freedom

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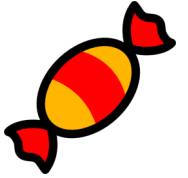
Some nouns can be common or proper nouns depending on how they are used in the sentence.

The **mums** were invited to join in on sports day.

'**mums**' refers to mothers in general. It is used here as a common noun.

"**Mum**, please can I have some sweets?" asked Millie.

'**Mum**' is what Millie calls her mother. It is used as a proper noun, just like 'Millie'.



Phrases

A phrase is a group of words that is not a full sentence and doesn't make sense on its own.

	Noun Phrase	Expanded Noun Phrase
What is it?	A group of words that has a noun as a key word. Sometimes a sentence will have one than one noun phrase.	When we add more detail to our noun phrases, they become expanded noun phrases.
Examples	the year three class the strong wind The elderly man walked to the super-market.	the beautiful, striped butterfly the long, winding road