



NOUNS :A noun is the name of a person, a place, an animal, a felling or an idea. The word thing is used to mean anything that we can think of. Ex: Ram, Sham, Delhi, Mumbai, Table, Chair, Cat, Dog etc.

Kinds of nouns

Nouns can be classified into six types.

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| 1. Common noun | 3. Proper noun | 5. Collective noun |
| 2. Abstract noun | 4. Countable noun | 6. Uncountable noun |

Look at the following sentence:

Asoka was a wise king.

The noun Asoka refers to a particular king, but the noun king might be applied to any other king as well as to Asoka. We called Asoka a proper Noun, and king a common noun.

Similarly:

Sita is a Proper Noun, while girl is a Common Noun.

Hari is a Proper Noun, while boy is a Common now.

The word girl is a Common Noun, because it is a name common to all girls, while Sita is a proper noun because it is the name of a particular girl.

1. Common Noun: A common noun is a name given in common to everything of the same class or kind. (Common hear means shared by all.)

2. Proper Noun: A proper noun is the name of some particular person or place.

Note: Proper nouns are always written with a capital letter at the beginning.

Proper Nouns are sometimes used as Common noun.

Example: He was the wisest man of his age.

3. Collective Noun:- A collective noun is the of a number (or collection) of person or thing taken together and spoken of as one whole' as Taken together and spoken of as one whole; as.

Crowd, mob, team, flock, herd, army, fleet, jury, family, nation, parliament, committee.

A fleet= a collection of ships or vessels.

An army= a collection of soldiers.

A crowd= a collection of people.

4. Abstract Noun :- An Abstract noun is usually the name of a quality, action, or state considered apart from the object to which it belongs; as.

Quality- Goodness, kindness, whiteness, darkness, brightness, honesty, wisdom, bravery.

Action-Laughter, theft, movement, judgment, hatred.

State- childhood, boyhood, youth, slavery, sleep, sickness, death, poverty.

Abstract Noun are formed-

1. From Adjectives :- Kindness from kind; honesty from honest.

2. From Verbs :- Obedience from obey ; growth from grow.

3. From Common Nouns :-Childhood from child ; slavery from slave.

Another classification of nouns is whether they are “countable” or “uncountable”.

Countable nouns are the names of the objects, people, etc that we can Count, e.g., books, pen, apple, boy, sister, doctor, horse.

Uncountable nouns are the names of things which we cannot count ,egg milk oil sugar gold honesty. They mainly denote substances and abstract things.





8th – Nouns

Countable nouns have plural forms while uncountable nouns do not. For example, we say “books” but we cannot say “milks”.

Q1. Identify the nouns and its types.

1. India’s economic growth over the past five years is commendable.

2. Jharkhand produces the largest amount of coal in India.

3. The foreign rulers couldn’t throttle the spirit of freedom and independence of the Indian masses.

4. I was awakened by the faint strains of music coming from the nearby hills.

5. The wood carvings on the cupboard along with the gold leaf work made it a collector’s item.

Q2. There are errors in the use of collective nouns. Correct and rewrite the sentences.

1. A troop of buffaloes descended into the lake.

2. A herd of owls hooted all night.

3. A rack of hounds attacked the stag.

4. Indonesia is a heap of islands in Southeast Asia.

5. A spring of thieves robbed the house.

Q3 . Identify the nouns and its type in the following sentences

1. Always speak the truth.

2. Honesty is the best policy.

3. King Solomon was famous for his wisdom.

4. A committee of five was appointed.

5. We saw a fleet of ships in the harbor.

6. He gave me a bunch of grapes.

