

CLASS : 4
SUBJECT : ENGLISH GRAMMAR
BOOK : GRAMMATICS
LESSON : 5
THE NOUN

NOUN: A word which is used as the name of a person, animal, place, thing or feeling is called a noun.

KINDS OF NOUN: There are five kinds of noun.

A. COMMON NOUNS: Common nouns are the names of people, animals, places or things of the same kind.

For example:

people: actor, carpenter, doctor, farmer, lawyer etc.

animals: bull, cat, fox, dog, goat, tiger, zebra etc.

places: church, park, factory, hospital, bank etc.

things: pen, phone, chair, book, box, eraser etc.

*Note: Names of instruments, fruit, trees and vegetables are also common nouns.

B. PROPER NOUNS: Proper nouns are the special names given to certain common nouns. They always begin with capital letters.

For example:

names of people: Salman Khan, Madhuri Dixit
names of countries: India, America
names of cities: Delhi, Kanpur
names of days: Monday, Saturday
names of months: March, July
names of oceans: Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean
names of seas: Caspian Sea , Red Sea
names of rivers: Ganga, Kaveri
names of historical monuments: Taj Mahal , Red Fort
names of festivals: Holi, Christmas

C. COLLECTIVE NOUNS: Collective nouns are words for groups of people, animals or things.

For example :

army - a group of soldiers

team - a group of players

crowd - a group of people

D. ABSTRACT NOUNS: Abstract nouns are words for feelings that cannot be seen or touch.

For example :

courage, punishment, truth, childhood, softness etc.

E. MATERIAL NOUNS: Material noun is the name of the substance from which objects are prepared.

For example:

diamond, gold, copper, plastic, silver etc.

EXERCISES:

A. Recognize the underlined nouns whether they are common, proper, collective,

abstract or material: **page no.25**

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| 1. Their <u>team</u> is better than ours. | collective |
| 2. He is a <u>magician</u> . | common |
| 3. Her <u>courage</u> saved us from the tigress. | abstract |
| 4. <u>Coal</u> is the cheapest fossil fuel. | material |
| 5. A <u>committee</u> of eight was appointed. | collective |
| 6. He is a slave to <u>ambition</u> . | abstract |
| 7. I do not understand <u>physics</u> . | abstract |
| 8. The stepmother loved <u>Cinderella</u> . | proper |
| 9. Their <u>dog</u> started barking at me. | common |
| 10. I am reading an interesting <u>book</u> . | common |

B. Tell the name of the profession which is associated with it: **page no.26**

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| 1. A person who makes wooden objects - | <u>carpenter</u> |
| 2. A person who reports news for newspaper - | <u>reporter</u> |
| 3. A person who sells food and small household goods - | <u>grocer</u> |
| 4. A person who teaches in a school - | <u>teacher</u> |
| 5. A person who owns or manages a hotel - | <u>hotelier</u> |
| 6. A person who treats patients - | <u>doctor</u> |
| 7. A manager of a plantation - | <u>planter</u> |
| 8. A person qualified to prescribe glasses and contact lenses - | <u>optician</u> |
| 9. A person who interprets foreign speech orally - | <u>interpreter</u> |
| 10. A person who builds houses and other buildings - | <u>builder</u> |
| 11. A person who watches a match to enforce the rules - | <u>umpire</u> |
| 12. A person who practises law - | <u>lawyer</u> |

C. Fill the right collective noun:

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1. a flock of sheep
2. a pride of lions
3. a herd of elephants
4. a shoal of fish
5. a swarm of bees
6. a troop of horses
7. a fleet of ships
8. an army of soldiers
9. a bouquet of flowers
10. a bunch of bananas
11. a range of mountains
12. a team of players

D. Underline the abstract nouns given below:

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1. friendship mercy grief ribbon hat
2. happiness fish house picture rules
3. agreement face thought youth anger

E. Use these abstract nouns in a sentence:

1. bravery: Indian soldiers fought with bravery.
2. laughter: Laughter is good for health.

F. Write four of your own abstract nouns:(Do yourself)