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| **Nouns**  **Nouns** are naming words for people, animals, places, things, and qualities. In fact, they name everything around us including those that are invisible (wind, gas).  There are different types of nouns. There are **common nouns**, **proper nouns**, **concrete nouns**, and **abstract nouns**.   * A **common** noun names every person or thing that belongs to the same group. * A **proper** noun is a name of a particular person, animal, place, or thing. * A **concrete** noun refers to a material object that we can see and touch. * An **abstract** noun is something we cannot see or touch (love, anger). We use it to refer to things that are not concrete objects such as quality, idea, condition, etc.   Nouns can be singular or plural. We use a **singular noun** for one person, animal, place, or thing. For two or more people, animals, places, or things, we use **plural nouns**.  There are **countable nouns** and **uncountable nouns**.  **Countable** nouns are things such as books, cars, and houses, and we can count them.  **Uncountable** nouns such as milk, water, and flour are things which we cannot count.  We use a **collective noun** to indicate a group of people or things.  **There are four kinds of nouns:**   1. Common Nouns 2. Proper Nouns 3. Concrete Nouns 4. Abstract Nouns   **a) Common Noun**  **Common nouns are names of people, things, animals and places, etc.** A **common noun** names a class of similar things (chair, box), and not an individual member of a specified group of people or things. We do not capitalize the first letter of a common noun unless it is the first word in a sentence.   * **People** – aunt, boy, butcher, carpenter, cousin, father, girl, lady, man, mother, tailor, woman * **Things** – bicycle, book, car, computer, dress, hammer, key, pencil,  ship, table, vase, wallet * **Animals** – armadillo, baboon, bee, caterpillar, cow, dog, eagle, fish, monkey, pig, snake, turkey, * **Places** – airport, beach, bullring, cemetery, church, country, hospital, library, mall, park, restaurant, zoo     **b) Proper Noun**  **A proper noun is a special name of a person, place, organization, etc.** We spell a proper noun with a capital letter. Proper nouns also refer to times or to dates in the calendar.   * **People** – Ali Baba, Stephen Harper, * **Places** –  Torbay Road,  Museum of Modern Art, Sahara Desert * **Things** – Financial Times, Eiffel Tower * **Organization** – International Labour Organization, Red Brigades, United Nations, * **Animals** – King Kong, Lassie * **Times and dates** – Saturday, April     **c) Concrete Noun**  A **concrete noun** is something we see or touch. It is the opposite of an abstract noun. There are **countable concrete nouns** and **uncountable concrete nouns**.   * **Countable**: teacher (people); valley (place); deer (animal); comb (thing) * **Uncountable**: water (liquid); steam (gas); copper (substance)     **d) Abstract Nouns**  An **abstract noun** is a quality or something that we can only think of rather than as something that we can see or touch, e.g. beauty, courage, friendship, intelligence, truth. We can form abstract nouns from common nouns (child – childhood); from verbs (know – knowledge); and from adjectives (happy – happiness). |