

## NOUNS (3)

### Proper Nouns (06) - Part B: Medium (2)

#### Proper Nouns

10 min

What is a proper noun?

A proper noun is a noun for people, places (countries, cities, etc.), months, and days. It starts with a capital letter. Generally, there is no article before.

**Examples:**

*Steve*(first name)

*Mr. Smith*(last name)

*Japan*(country)

*London*(city)

*March*(month)

*Wednesday*(day)



We use 'the' before a country's name when this name includes a noun (such as state, kingdom...).

**Examples**

Maria has never been to *the Netherlands*.

He travels from *the United States* to *the United Kingdom* every year.

The capital letter is not just for proper nouns. It is also used for each word in a title, whether a book title, a person's title, etc.

**Examples**

*Vice-President Jones*

*A Midsummer Night's Dream*

*World Food Prices Increase*

## Writing Exercise

5 min

**What is the proper noun?**

1. Jennifer is at work today. → \_\_\_\_\_
2. Today is Tuesday, she has an important meeting. → \_\_\_\_\_
3. This meeting is in Chicago. → \_\_\_\_\_
4. The Vice-President is also going to the meeting. → \_\_\_\_\_
5. The next meeting is in June. → \_\_\_\_\_

## Speaking Exercise

5 min

**Listen to your teacher ask these questions and answer.**

1. What is your first name?
2. What is your last name?
3. What city or town do you live in?
4. What is the name of the President in your country?
5. What is today's date?

**Watch the Video!**

**10 min**

**With this video lesson, you practice common nouns and proper nouns.**

**Watch the video:**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iU\\_TDKGkbJQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iU_TDKGkbJQ)

**Watch it again and answer the questions:**

**1. Complete the sentence:**

Some nouns are called common nouns. These nouns name a \_\_\_\_\_ class or group of people, places, ideas or things.

**2. At 0:27, what are the two common nouns in the sentence?**

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Complete the sentence:**

There are also proper nouns. These nouns name a \_\_\_\_\_ person, place or thing, and usually begin with a capital \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. At 1:32, what is the proper noun in the sentence?**

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## Quiz

5 min

### True or False?

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|---|------|-------|
| 1. A proper noun is a noun for people, places, months, and days.        | true | false |
| 2. A proper noun starts with a capital letter.                          | true | false |
| 3. A proper noun is a common noun.                                      | true | false |
| 4. We use 'the' before a country's name when this name includes a noun. | true | false |

### What are the proper nouns in the sentences?

1. We will go to Niagara Falls on Friday. → \_\_\_\_\_,
2. My brother was born in June. → \_\_\_\_\_
3. I am interested in emerging countries like Brazil. → \_\_\_\_\_
4. Miss Simpson is traveling to Amsterdam. → \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_