NOUN

A Noun is the name of a person, animal or thing.
It is a naming word.

KINDS OF NOUNS

- Proper Nouns
- Common Nouns
- Collective Nouns
- Concrete Nouns
- Abstract Nouns

(1) **Proper Noun** : A noun which names a particular person, place or thing is called a Proper Noun.

Examples:

i) Shivani went to Agra to see the Taj Mahal.

Shivani ↑ Name of a particular person
Agra ↑ Name of a particular place
Taj Mahal ↑ Name of a particular thing

Shivani, Agra and Taj Mahal are Proper Nouns.

ii) My grandparents live in Delhi.
Proper Noun.

NOTE: [A Proper Noun begins with a Capital Letter.]

(2) **Common Noun** : A Noun that gives a common name to people, place, animals or things of the same kind is called a Common Noun.

→ Dancer, painter, chef, police, doctor, teacher are common names for people.

→ Shop, park, school, restaurant, beach are common names for places.

→ Lion, tiger, monkey are common names for animals.

→ Books, pen, train, computer are common names for things.

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Examples:

i) The doctor is examining the patient.

name of person [COMMON NOUN]

name of person [COMMON NOUN]

iii) There is a door and windows in the room.

door, windows, and room are the names of things of the same kind. So these are Common Nouns.

ii) Sachin is a cricket player.

Particular name [Proper Noun]

common name for people [Common Noun]

(3) Concrete Noun : Objects and materials that can be experienced through our senses are referred as a concrete noun.

Examples:

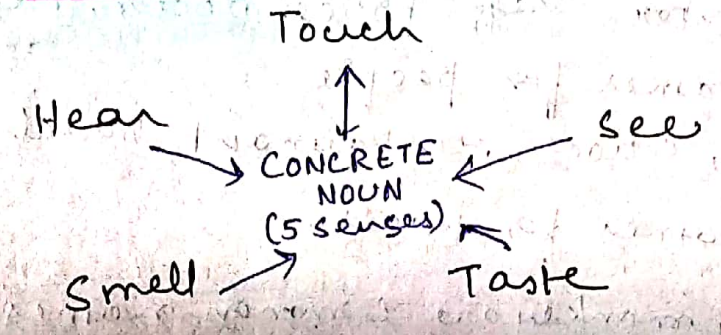
i) Gold is a precious metal.

see + touch gold

ii) This is my house.

seen + touched

[NOTE: You experience through - touch, feel, smell, taste or hear them]



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(4) Abstract Noun : An Abstract Noun is the name of a quality, state, feeling or idea that we cannot see, hear, taste or touch but which we can only think of.

Example :

i) We should always speak the truth.
↑ quality.

ii) I hope it doesn't rain tomorrow.
↑ feeling.

[some Abstract Nouns – courage, love, childhood, cruelty, rudeness, beauty, health, pity, joy, pain, sleep, etc]

Collective Noun : A Collective Noun is the name given to a group of people, animals, places or things.

Example :

i) I go out with my family.
↑ group of people.

ii) Look at the bunch of grapes.
↑ group of grapes.

iii) The basket ball team played well.
Collective noun

iv) Harry joined a band of musicians.
Collective noun.

v) I have lost my bundle of keys somewhere.
collective noun.

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GENDERS

→ **MASCULINE NOUNS**: These are naming words for men, boys or males.

→ **FEMININE NOUNS**: These are naming words for women, girls or females.

→ **COMMON GENDER NOUNS**: These are used for both males and females. Examples - Doctor, engineer, scientist, etc.

→ **NEUTER GENDER**: These are naming words for things. Examples - Computer, air conditioner, etc.

COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

COUNTABLE NOUN	UNCOUNTABLE NOUN
→ Can be counted Eg: an apple, a school, 1 picture, 2 pictures, etc.	→ Can not be counted Eg: sugar, information, water, understanding, etc.
→ Can take singular or plural verbs. • There is a book on the table. • Those houses are big.	→ Always take singular verbs. • There is some water in that bottle.

SINGULAR AND PLURAL NOUNS

→ A Noun that denotes or points out one person, place or thing is a Singular Noun.

→ A Noun that denotes or points out more than one person, place or thing is a plural Noun.

• A puppy is playing with a ball

• Two puppies are playing with a ball.

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Formation of Plural Number

(1) Most of the Nouns form their Plurals by adding -s.

Singular	Plural
ballon	ballons
root	roots
tree	trees
lion	Lions
kite	kites

(2) Nouns that end in ch, s, ss, sh or x form their Plurals by adding -es to the singulars.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
class	classes	dish	dishes
watch	watches	peach	peaches
bench	benches	fox	foxes
box	boxes	bunch	bunches.

(3) Nouns ending in -y where there is a Consonant before it, the Plural is formed by changing -y into -ies.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
army	armies	cry	cries
baby	babies	duty	duties
city	cities	story	stories.

But only -s is added to the Singular if it ends in -y and if -y has a Vowel before it.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
boy	boys	key	keys
monkey	monkeys	way	ways

(4) Nouns that end in -f or -fe form their Plurals by changing -f or -fe into -ves.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
calf	calves	half	halves
wolf	wolves	knife	knives
shelf	shelves	wife	wives.

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(5) Nouns ending in -o form their Plurals by adding -es to the singulars.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
buffalo	buffaloes	hero	heroes
echo	echoes	potato	potatoes
mango	mangoes	mosquito	mosquitoes

Note: Some Nouns ending in -o form their Plurals by adding -s to the Singulars.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
bamboo	bamboos	Photo	photos
piano	pianos	video	videos

(6) Some Nouns form their Plurals by changing inside Vowel.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
foot	feet	man	men
goose	geese	tooth	teeth

(7) Some Nouns do not follow any of the rules given above. We have to keep in mind their Singular and Plural forms.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
child	children	ox	oxen

(8) Some Nouns have the same Singular and Plural forms.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
deer	deer	dozen	dozen
sheep	sheep		

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Underline the collective nouns in these sentences:

1. A pack of wolves attacked the flock of sheep.
2. A swarm of bees flew out of the vine.
3. A flock of sheep is grazing in the field.
4. I saw a litter of puppies in the street.
5. The whole of the crew drowned with the ship.
6. The Minister addressed a large crowd.
7. A herd of elephants crossed the village.
8. My sister has a pile of books on her table.
9. Mother hen looks after her brood of chickens.
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