

Common Nouns

There are different types of noun such as common nouns, proper nouns and collective nouns. This worksheet will teach you about **common nouns**.

Common nouns are the everyday names that we use for places and things. Some examples of common nouns are cup, duck, leg, bedroom and garage.

Common nouns are also used to describe people but this does not include their proper name. For example, 'plumber' and 'waitress' are common nouns because they are a general description for a person **BUT** the names 'Sarah' or 'Tom' are not common nouns (they are in fact *proper nouns* and we shall meet them another time on a different worksheet.)

Here are some sentences with the **common nouns** underlined:

My cat likes to play with string.

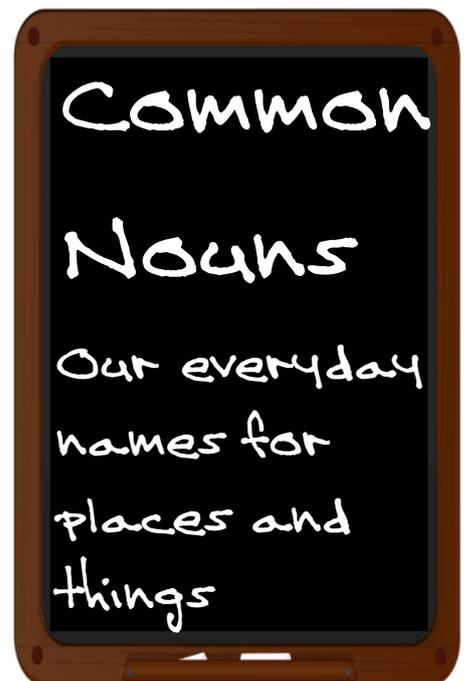
I always lock my bicycle in the garage.

A plumber repaired our leaking tap.

The girl and boy both wore a hat.

Exercise 1: Try to label each of the **common nouns** in the following table by ticking the correct box. The first one has been done for you.

	A thing	A place	A person
tree	✓		
doctor			
table			
church			
shoe			
school			
village			
dentist			
frog			
teacher			



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Exercise 2: Try to identify the **common nouns** in the following sentences.
We've answered the first one for you.

- (a) I bought a cup of tea and some cake in the cafe.
- (b) Take a look in this jar at the strange beetle that I found in the park.
- (c) I'd like to be an astronaut and fly a rocket to a far away planet.
- (d) I lost my pen at school but luckily my teacher found it under a desk.
- (e) At the farm we saw a huge pig. The farmer said it had won a trophy.
- (f) The ferry took us over the sea to a small island with a large volcano on it.
- (g) The grass had grown so long in the garden that I couldn't find my football.
- (h) The shelf in my bedroom has a dinosaur on it and lots of dust !

Exercise 3: Write a few sentences of your own that contain **common nouns**.
Don't forget to include things, places and people.

Now move on to the next worksheet to learn about *proper nouns*