**COMMON AND PROPER NOUNS**

A. Read the sentences below. Underline any common nouns in each sentence once and any proper nouns twice.

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2. This character was created by the author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
3. Holmes appeared in 56 stories and several novels written by Doyle, including *The Sign of Four*.
4. He was often assisted by his friend Dr. John Watson.
5. They worked together on mysteries throughout the city of London.

B. Read the sentences below. Identify the underlined words in each sentence as proper or common nouns.

1. Peter Jones is a detective who works at Scotland Yard.
2. Yesterday Mr. Reginald Merryweather came to him with a very strange story.
3. It seems that rare coins are missing from the Bank of London where he works.
4. The money was kept in a safe at the bank.
5. Peter Jones decided to call Sherlock Holmes to assist him with the case.
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A. Read the following sentences. Circle the proper noun(s) in each sentence and then write what it names on the line. The first one has been done for you.

1. I read the Dallas Morning News every day. ___________ newspaper

2. We have two dogs, named Archie and Samantha. _______________________

3. In the fall, I will attend Nichols Middle School. _______________________

4. We are going to read about the Industrial Revolution. _______________________

5. Did you have a good time at our Fourth of July picnic this year? _______________________

6. I want to join the National Geographic Society. _______________________

B. Complete the chart by filling in each missing common or proper noun. The first one has been done for you.

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Decide if there is an error in the underlined nouns. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. I think __________ Aniata made tacos.
   a. Aunt Anita
   b. aunt anita
   c. correct as is

2. We take a vacation in __________ National Park every summer.
   a. Redwood National park
   b. Redwood national park
   c. correct as is

3. I have a doctor’s appointment on __________, May 9.
   a. tuesday, may 9
   b. Tuesday, May 9
   c. correct as is

4. The __________ period is fascinating.
   a. Civil war
   b. Civil War
   c. correct as is

5. Albert bought take-out food last night from __________ good eats.
   a. Grandma’s Good Eats
   b. grandma’s Good Eats
   c. correct as is

   a. French in France
   b. french in france
   c. correct as is

7. Large cats can be found in both __________ and south America.
   a. North and South America
   b. north and south america
   c. correct as is

8. Carla moved to __________, Texas.
   a. El paso, Texas
   b. El Paso, Texas
   c. correct as is

9. I’m planning to take a raft trip down the __________ River next month.
   a. Colorado River
   b. colorado river
   c. correct as is

10. I read an interesting story in the __________ the other day.
    a. Houston chronicle
    b. houston Chronicle
    c. correct as is
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B. Some answers will vary.
   Common noun: city, holiday, business
   Proper noun: city, holiday, business

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1. a 3. b 5. a 7. a 9. a
2. c 4. b 6. c 8. b 10. c