

COMMON AND PROPER NOUNS

RETEACHING: A **common noun** names any person, place, or thing. A **proper noun** names a specific person, place, or thing and begins with a capital letter.

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

1. Mr. Sherlock Holmes is a famous fictional detective.
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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Decide if there is an error in the underlined nouns. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

- I think aunt Anita made tacos.
 a Aunt Anita
 b aunt anita
 c correct as is
- We take a vacation in Redwood National Park every summer.
 a Redwood National park
 b Redwood national park
 c correct as is
- I have a doctor's appointment on tuesday, May 9.
 a tuesday, may 9
 b Tuesday, May 9
 c correct as is
- The civil war period is fascinating.
 a Civil war
 b Civil War
 c correct as is
- Albert bought take-out food last night from Grandma's good eats.
 a Grandma's Good Eats
 b grandma's Good Eats
 c correct as is
- Josie learned French in France.
 a french in France
 b french in france
 c correct as is
- Large cats can be found in both north and south America.
 a North and South America
 b north and south america
 c correct as is
- Carla moved to el Paso, Texas.
 a El paso, Texas
 b El Paso, Texas
 c correct as is
- I'm planning to take a raft trip down the Colorado river next month.
 a Colorado River
 b colorado river
 c correct as is
- I read an interesting story in the Houston Chronicle the other day.
 a Houston chronicle
 b houston Chronicle
 c correct as is

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- B. 1. proper, common, proper
2. proper, common
3. common, proper
4. common, common, common
5. proper, proper, common

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- A. 1. I read the Dallas Morning News every day.
newspaper
2. We have two dogs, named Archie and Samantha, pet names
3. In the fall, I will attend Nichols Middle School.
school
4. We are going to read about the Industrial Revolution historical era
5. Did you have a good time at our Fourth of July picnic this year? holiday
6. I want to join the National Geographic Society organization
- B. Some answers will vary.
Common noun: city, holiday, business
Proper noun: Ice Age, Rover, George Washington

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