

1. Identifying Nouns

Discuss

A **NOUN** is a word that names a **person, place, animal, or thing**. Read aloud the following examples.

person: woman Gloria umpire student George teacher Mr. Perry
place: Ohio Mexico airport Empire State Building house school mall
animal: dog horse butterfly robin snake fish
thing: desk shoe ear window book basketball river flower planes

Keep in mind: A thing may also be something you cannot touch or see. Read aloud the following nouns.

music English sadness friendship Spanish humor problem idea

Writing Practice

Complete each sentence with a noun from the boxes above. For some questions, different answers are possible.

1. The _____ didn't fit.
- *2. _____ is an important language.
- *3. _____ was his favorite sport.
- *4. _____ owns a grocery store.
5. The _____ scared us.
- *6. _____ make good pets.
7. The _____ was crowded.
- *8. _____ flew over our house.

*Check your sentences. Each one with an asterisk should begin with a capital letter!

Use what you've learned.

Partner Work

- With your partner, read aloud your **Writing Practice** sentences. Identify the noun you wrote. Tell whether it names a person, place, animal, or thing.
- With your partner, identify and underline the noun in each sentence below.
 - The house was empty.
 - Jacob went in.
 - Music was playing.
 - The sound was mysterious.
 - A bird sang.
 - The flowers wilted and drooped.
 - Two people were dancing.
 - My friend sang along happily.
- With your partner, write a noun to complete each sentence below.
 - _____ won the prize.
 - _____ like to eat bananas.
 - _____ can't come to the party.
 - _____ are amazing animals.
 - The _____ seemed confusing.

Writing on Your Own

Choose and circle a topic from the box below. Look at the nouns listed after the topic. Write about your topic using each of the nouns at least once. Underline those nouns.

Topics	Nouns to Use
An Awful Situation	situation fright adventure family predicament
Good Friends	friends helpfulness school people neighborhood
Feeling Sad	sadness anger luck lesson person
Feeling Happy	happiness pleasure fun places excitement

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Writing Practice

Different answers are possible in most cases. Example answers:

1. The shoe didn't fit.
2. Spanish is an important language.
3. Basketball was his favorite sport.
4. Gloria owns a grocery store.
5. The snakes scared us.
6. Dogs make good pets.
7. The airport was crowded.
8. Robins flew over our house.

Partner Work

2. a. house e. bird
 b. Jacob f. flowers
 c. Music g. people
 d. sound h. friend

3. Answers will vary.

Writing on Your Own

Answers will vary.