1. Identifying Nouns

Discuss

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

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<th>person: woman</th>
<th>Gloria</th>
<th>umpire</th>
<th>student</th>
<th>George</th>
<th>teacher</th>
<th>Mr. Perry</th>
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<td>place: Ohio</td>
<td>Mexico</td>
<td>airport</td>
<td>Empire State Building</td>
<td>house</td>
<td>school</td>
<td>mall</td>
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<td>animal: dog</td>
<td>horse</td>
<td>butterfly</td>
<td>robin</td>
<td>snake</td>
<td>fish</td>
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<td>thing: desk</td>
<td>shoe</td>
<td>ear</td>
<td>window</td>
<td>book</td>
<td>basketball</td>
<td>river</td>
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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!
Partner Work

1. With your partner, read aloud your Writing Practice sentences. Identify the noun you wrote. Tell whether it names a person, place, animal, or thing.

2. With your partner, identify and underline the noun in each sentence below.
   a. The house was empty.
   b. Jacob went in.
   c. Music was playing.
   d. The sound was mysterious.
   e. A bird sang.
   f. The flowers wilted and drooped.
   g. Two people were dancing.
   h. My friend sang along happily.

3. With your partner, write a noun to complete each sentence below.
   a. ___________________ won the prize.
   b. ___________________ like to eat bananas.
   c. _______________ can’t come to the party.
   d. _______________ are amazing animals.
   e. 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.

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<td>Good Friends</td>
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<td>Feeling Sad</td>
<td>sadness  anger  luck  lesson  person</td>
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<td>Feeling Happy</td>
<td>happiness  pleasure  fun  places  excitement</td>
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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.