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NOUNS

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WHAT IS A NOUN?

- ■A noun is a person, place, thing or idea
- ■In the following sentence, what are the nouns?
 - Most children like ice cream.

EXAMPLES OF NOUNS

- Cat
- Mall
- Atlanta
- Oxford Middle School
- Bag
- Ahmed

TYPES OF NOUNS

- Proper Nouns
- Common Nouns
- Plural Nouns
- Possessive Nouns
- Concrete Nouns
- Abstract Nouns
- Collective Nouns

PROPER NOUNS

- A proper noun is a specific person, place or thing
- A proper noun usually begins with a Capital Letter
- Examples are days of the week, holidays, religions, months, organizations, institutions and names
- Oxford Middle School is a proper noun, Monday, May

COMMON NOUNS

- A common noun refers to a person, place or thing in a *general* sense
- Common nouns only begin with a capital letter when they are at the beginning of a sentence
- Examples include: house, car, sidewalk, dog, school, work, book, newspaper, beach, towel

PLURAL NOUNS

- Plural nouns indicate more than one person or thing
- Plural nouns end in 's' or 'es'
- Examples include: boxes (plural for box), hats (plural for hat), pencils (plural for pencil)

POSSESSIVE NOUNS

- A possessive noun is a noun that changes its form to show it owns something else
- Singular possessive— add 's
- Plural possessive & ends in an s- add '
- Plural possessive & doesn't end in an s- 's
- Examples: Sophie's, teacher's, cats'

CONCRETE NOUNS

• A concrete noun is any object or person that can be experienced through your senses: sight, sound, taste, touch, smell

• Example: teacher, dog, beach, wave, book

ABSTRACT NOUNS

- ■An abstract noun cannot be experienced through the senses
- Examples: thought, memory, childhood, daydream, justice, peace

COLLECTIVE NOUNS

- Names a group of people or things.
- Can be singular or plural
- Singular when all members of the group act as a single unit ex. The **team** shares the field with its opponent. Singular
- Plural when each member of the group acts separately ex. The **team share their** jokes with each other.
- Examples: team, group, committee, club, family, couple

PRACTICE!

- In the following sentences, identify the noun(s):
- Nada has pretty hair.
- On Monday Ali is going to the beach.
- · Ahmed did well on the math test.
- English is the best class!

