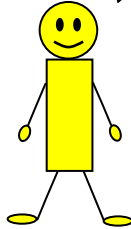


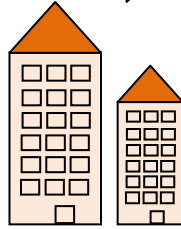
# Nouns Name

Nouns name persons, places, animals, activities, events, ideas, and all sorts of things.

My noun-name is **John**.



My noun-name is **city**.



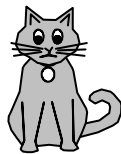
My noun-name is **tree**.



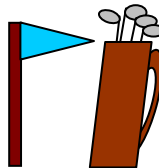
These can also act as nouns:

**Noun Phrase**  
**Noun Clause**  
**Gerund**

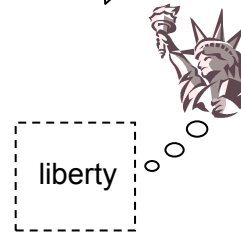
My noun-name is **cat**.



My noun-name is **golf**.



My noun-name is **liberty**.



## Concrete Nouns

Items you can see, hear, smell, taste, and/or feel.

### Proper Nouns

Capitalized nouns name unique items.  
**Judy, Seattle, Pentagon**

### Common Nouns

Nouns in lowercase name generic items.  
**dog, country, soccer**

## Abstract Nouns

Items you can not see, hear, smell, taste, or feel.

**anger**  
**courage**  
**perseverance**  
**freedom**  
**humility**  
**greed**

For example, you can see an angry face or action, but you can't see "anger" itself.

## Countable Nouns

Can be made plural  
**cat – cats**

Can combine with numerals or quantifiers.  
*three cats*  
*many cats*

Can take an indefinite article (a, an).  
*a cat*  
*an elephant*

## Compound Nouns

Multiple-word nouns.

**ice water**  
**notebook**  
**brother-in-law**

## Collective Nouns

Singular nouns that name groups of things.

**herd**  
**team**

## Uncountable Nouns

Can not be made plural.  
**furniture**

Can not combine with numerals or quantifiers.  
**laughter**

Can not take "a" or "an."  
**silverware**

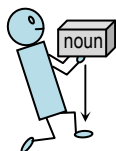
## Appositive

Noun or noun phrase that identifies a noun or pronoun.

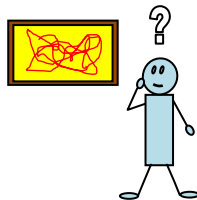
My son **Bill** is happy.

The appositive "Bill" identifies the noun "son."

An **appositive** makes "a positive" identification.



If I drop a "concrete" noun on my foot, I'll feel it!



Abstract nouns and abstract art are hard to "see."



## Your Turn!



Match each noun to as many categories as it belongs.

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1) _____ tribe       | a. Common      |
| 2) _____ post office | b. Proper      |
| 3) _____ tiger       | c. Concrete    |
| 4) _____ wrath       | d. Abstract    |
| 5) _____ San Diego   | e. Countable   |
| 6) _____ safety      | f. Uncountable |
| 7) _____ flock       | g. Compound    |
| 8) _____ Zeus        | h. Collective  |
| 9) _____ grapefruit  |                |

*True or False*

- \_\_\_\_\_ An appositive is a noun that further identifies another noun.
- \_\_\_\_\_ In the phrase “my dog Pepe,” the noun *dog* is an appositive.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Abstract nouns name items you can see.
- \_\_\_\_\_ You cannot pluralize an uncountable noun.
- \_\_\_\_\_ You cannot pluralize a collective noun.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Compound nouns can be separate (open), joined (closed), or hyphenated words.

Answers: 1aceh, 2aceg, 3ace, 4adf, 5bcfg, 6adf, 7aceh, 8bcf, 9aceg, 10T, 11F, 12F, 13T, 14F, 15T