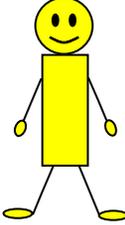
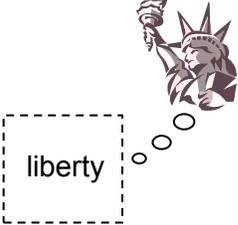


# Nouns Name

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

<p>My noun-name is <b>John</b>.</p> 	<p>My noun-name is <b>city</b>.</p> 	<p>My noun-name is <b>tree</b>.</p> 
<p>My noun-name is <b>cat</b>.</p> 	<p>My noun-name is <b>golf</b>.</p> 	<p>My noun-name is <b>liberty</b>.</p> 

These can also act as nouns:  
**Noun Phrase**  
**Noun Clause**  
**Gerund**

**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**

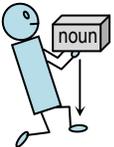
Can not combine with numerals or quantifiers.  
**laughter**

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

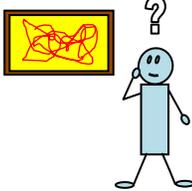
**Appositive**  
 Noun or noun phrase that identifies a noun or pronoun.

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*

- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ An appositive is a noun that further identifies another noun.
- 11) \_\_\_\_\_ In the phrase “my dog Pepe,” the noun *dog* is an appositive.
- 12) \_\_\_\_\_ Abstract nouns name items you can see.
- 13) \_\_\_\_\_ You cannot pluralize an uncountable noun.
- 14) \_\_\_\_\_ You cannot pluralize a collective noun.
- 15) \_\_\_\_\_ 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