

What is a noun?

A noun is a word for a person, place or thing.

So, a person (Fred, John, Claire) weekdays (Monday – Sunday), months (January – December), and places (Brazil, London, Huddersfield) they are quite straight forward.

These are called **PROPER** nouns and they always begin with capital letters.

Can you name any others?

A thing, “How do I know what a thing is?” Basically, anything you can put an ‘a’ or a ‘the’ in front that makes sense. So, table, for example, the table? Yes - noun

What about frog? Is it a thing? The frog? Yes – noun

These are called **COMMON** nouns. Other examples of common nouns are dog, building, coffee, and tree. Can you think of any others?

Within the common nouns groups, are **CONCRETE** and **ABSTRACT NOUNS**.

CONCRETE nouns are things that we can experience with our five senses (taste, touch, sight, hearing, or smell).

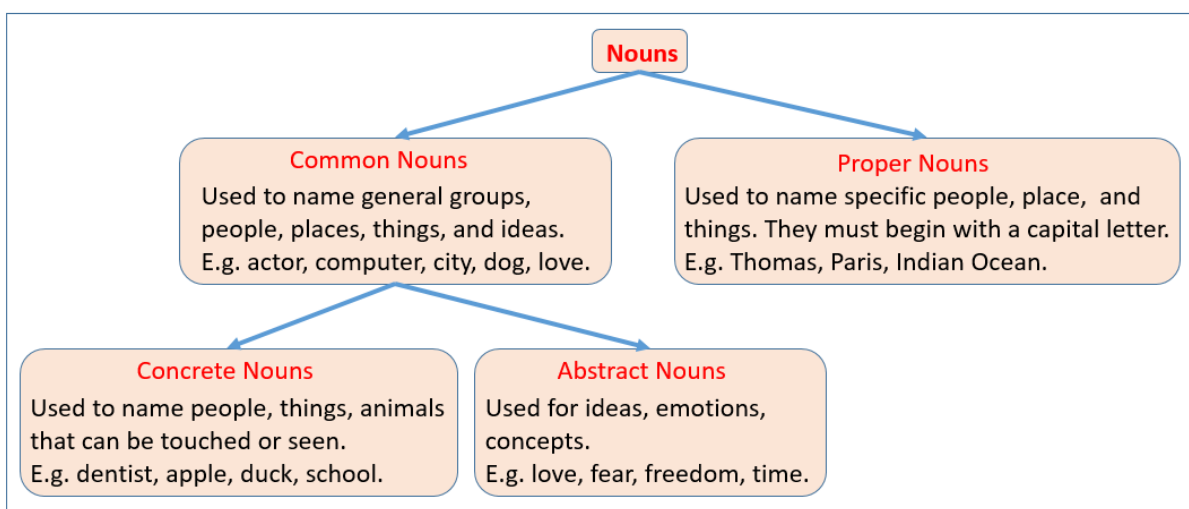
There are some nouns that cannot be seen or touched or it refers to ideas, qualities and conditions. For example, truth, danger, love, honesty.

These are called **ABSTRACT** nouns. Can you think of any others?

There is also a name for groups of people or things, for example a *school* of fish, or a *flock* of sheep. These are called **COLLECTIVE NOUNS**.

Can you think of any others?

This diagram show the nouns different groups.



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