

What is a Proper Noun?

Common nouns are the general names for people, places, objects or animals.

Proper nouns are different as they name specific places/landmarks or people/characters (e.g. Benji the dog). They should always start with a capital letter. Months of the year, days of the week, some events/festivals and brand/company names are also considered to be proper nouns.

Can you sort these cards into two sets of common nouns and proper nouns? The proper nouns have deliberately been spelt using lower-case letters to make the task trickier!

Extra Challenges:

- Use some of the proper nouns in sentences - don't forget their capital letters.
- Turn all of the cards face down on your table and play matching pairs with a partner. Can you choose two common nouns or two proper nouns so that you can keep the cards?

roald dahl	dog	lego	egg
christmas	diwali	september	friday
winter	week	author	scooby doo
wayne rooney	footballer	holiday	adidas
teacher	cartoon	wallace and gromit	america
country	europe	planet	eiffel tower
bridge	pop star	desk	disney
buckingham palace	queen elizabeth II	king	library

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Common Nouns	Proper Nouns
dog	Roald Dahl
egg	Lego
winter	Christmas
week	Diwali
author	September
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holiday	Scooby Doo
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