

## Common and Proper Nouns

A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, idea, or thing. A **common noun** is more general; it does not name a particular person, place, idea, or thing.

**Common**  
teacher  
city  
neighbor  
building

**Proper**  
Mrs. McCoy  
St. Louis  
Mr. Powell  
Sears Tower

Directions: If the word listed below is a common noun, give an example of a proper noun that matches the word. If it is a proper noun, write a common noun that describes it.

1. Katie Couric \_\_\_\_\_
2. language \_\_\_\_\_
3. El Paso \_\_\_\_\_
4. magazine \_\_\_\_\_
5. Mt. St. Helens \_\_\_\_\_
6. planet \_\_\_\_\_
7. actor \_\_\_\_\_
8. John Glenn \_\_\_\_\_
9. *Titanic* \_\_\_\_\_
10. computer \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Select five sets of nouns from above. For each pair of words, write a sentence that uses both the common and the proper noun correctly.

11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_
15. \_\_\_\_\_

For

Most  
one

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Direct  
nouns

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2. d

3. p

4. e

5. b

6. tr

7. E

8. d