**Common and Proper Nouns**

A **common noun** names any person, place, or thing. A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, or thing. Proper nouns begin with capital letters.

**Common Nouns**  You can see penguins at some zoos.

**Proper Nouns**  In May, Jen saw a penguin from Africa.

Capitalize each important word in a proper noun: Fourth of July. The names of days, months, and holidays are proper nouns. They begin with capital letters.

**Directions**  Write **C** if the underlined noun is a common noun. Write **P** if the underlined noun is a proper noun.

1. There are not many emperor penguins in our **country**.  
2. A sea park in **San Diego** has an emperor penguin.  
3. In a zoo in **Scotland**, penguins stroll around the park each day.  
4. Many people love these unusual **animals**.  
5. **Whales** and penguins are popular sea park attractions.

**Directions**  Underline the common nouns and circle the proper nouns in the sentences.

6. Seals and penguins like the cold Atlantic Ocean.  
7. Other animals like cold weather too.  
8. Will you find bears near the North Pole?  
10. Which bears live in Alaska?

**Home Activity**  Your child learned about common and proper nouns. Have your child write the names of friends and family members and explain why the names are proper nouns.
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**Directions** Rewrite each sentence. Replace each underlined common noun with a proper noun.

1. The **city** has a zoo with many animals.

2. You can get books about animals on **a street**.

3. You can see wild animals at **a place**.

4. Fish live in the **river**.

5. There are many interesting animals in **that country**.

**Directions** Write a description of a place that has interesting animals. Use at least two proper nouns.

Home Activity Your child learned how to use common and proper nouns in writing. Look at family photos with your child. Have your child write a sentence about a place your family has visited, using at least one proper noun.
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Directions Mark the letter of the sentence that is written correctly.

1. A Kelly went to the zoo in San antonio.  
   B kelly went to the Zoo in san antonio.  
   C Kelly went to the zoo in San Antonio.  
   D Kelly went to the zoo in san antonio.

2. A Those birds nest in hawaii.  
   B Those Birds nest in Hawaii.  
   C Those Birds nest in hawai.  
   D Those birds nest in Hawaii.

3. A New york city has many pigeons.  
   B New York City has many pigeons.  
   C New York City has many Pigeons.  
   D New york City has many pigeons.

4. A My town has many Owls.  
   B My Town has many owls.  
   C My town has many owls.  
   D My Town has many Owls.

5. A The robins sing in April.  
   B The Robins sing in April.  
   C The robins sing in april.  
   D The Robins sing in april.

6. A Geese and ducks live on the lake.  
   B Geese and Ducks live on the Lake.  
   C geese and ducks live on the lake.  
   D Geese and ducks live on the Lake.

7. A An eagle flew on the fourth of july.  
   B An Eagle flew on the Fourth of July.  
   C An eagle flew on the Fourth of July.  
   D An eagle flew on the Fourth of July.

8. A Many seagulls gathered over the ocean.  
   B Many Seagulls gathered over the ocean.  
   C Many seagulls gathered over the Ocean.  
   D many seagulls gathered over the ocean.

9. A Amy drew a turkey for thanksgiving.  
   B amy drew a turkey for thanksgiving.  
   C Amy drew a Turkey for Thanksgiving.  
   D Amy drew a turkey for Thanksgiving.

10. A Can birds fly over the washington monument?  
    B Can birds fly over the Washington Monument?  
    C Can birds fly over the Washington monument?  
    D Can Birds fly over the Washington Monument?

Home Activity Your child prepared for taking tests on common and proper nouns. On a drive, say the names of things you pass, such as a street and Spring Creek. Have your child identify which are common nouns and which are proper nouns.
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Directions Write the sentences. Capitalize the proper nouns correctly.

1. We saw the penguins at the zoo on saturday.

2. The penguins are from antarctica and south america.

3. They are not used to hot summer days in texas.

4. Maybe the july sun was too warm for those birds.

Directions Underline the common nouns and circle the proper nouns in the sentences.

5. Many animals at the zoo come from distant places.

6. Koalas come from Australia.

7. Pandas come from China.

8. The aquarium brought some whales from the Pacific Ocean.

9. That beautiful tiger was born in India.

Directions Write a sentence about a wild animal. Use at least one proper noun, and circle it. Underline the common nouns.

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