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## Common and Proper Nouns

### Common Nouns

Look at the scene at a beach. Then complete the following sentences using naming words from the box below.



water scooter children birds  
boy trees dog shells ball

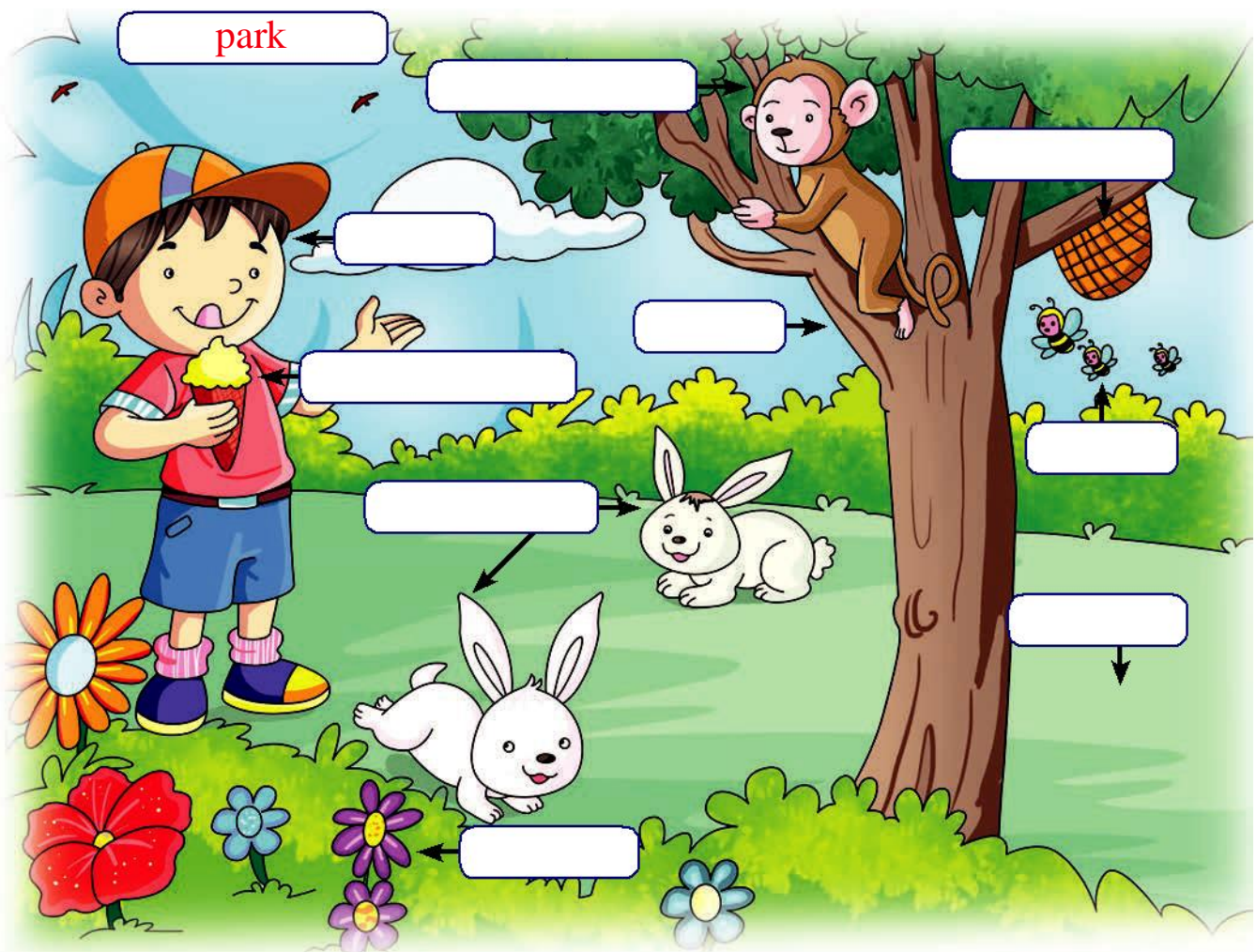
This is a beach. There are tall coconut..... on it. ....  
are flying in the sky. Three ..... are playing on the beach  
with a ..... Their ..... is also playing with them.  
There are some..... on the sand. A..... is riding a  
.....

Naming words are called **nouns**.

Common names of persons, animals, places or things of the same kind are called **common nouns**. *Water scooter, bird, dog, child* and *beach* are some common nouns.

Common nouns begin with **small letters**.

**A** Underline the **common nouns** in the following sentences. Write them in the correct boxes in the picture.



1. The park is full of flowers.
2. Two rabbits are playing on the grass.
3. A monkey is sitting on a tree.

4. There is a beehive on the tree.
5. The bees are flying around the beehive.
6. A boy is eating an ice cream.

**B** Look at the pictures. Then fill in the blanks with common nouns.

1. Sahiba is reading a .....



2. Karan is playing the .....



3. The juggler is juggling the.....



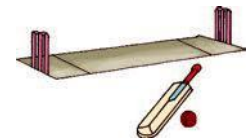
4. The squirrel is eating .....



5. The boy is sitting on the .....



6. .... is an interesting game.



**C** The nouns in each row given below belong to a particular family. Write the name of the family. Choose from the given family names.

animal      clothes      fruit      vegetable      furniture

1. apple      orange      mango      watermelon      ..... **fruit** .....
2. potato      onion      beans      carrot      .....

3. rabbit      tiger      elephant      cat

4. table      chair      bed      sofa

5. T-shirt      shorts      trousers      skirt

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### Proper Nouns

The special names of people, places, animals and things are called **proper nouns**.

Proper nouns always begin with **a capital letter**.

Names of months, days of the week, and special days are also proper nouns.

Tuesday, Friday, January, Christmas, World Book Day

Some examples of **proper nouns** are:

Rick (name of a boy)

Christmas (name of a festival)

Kochi (name of a place)

the Narmada (name of a river)

Ketaki (name of a girl)

January (name of a month)

### Keep in Mind

A common noun begins with a capital letter if it is the first word in a sentence.

A proper noun begins with a capital letter even if it comes in the middle of a sentence.





**D Underline the proper nouns in these sentences.**

1. My mother's name is Anjum Hasan.
2. I live in Mumbai.
3. Mrs Madhu Jha is my class teacher.
4. I study in TPZ International School.
5. I have a pet dog called Topsy.



**E Now write about yourself.**

1. My name is ..
2. My mother's name is ..
3. My father's name is ..
4. I live in ..
5. The name of my school is ..
6. The name of my class teacher is ..

**F Underline the proper nouns and circle the common nouns in the given sentences.**

1. Berlin is a beautiful city.
2. India won the cricket match against Australia.
3. Shelley's mother picked her up from school.
4. Sumaiya loves to eat oranges.
5. Rohit and Joy are going to the park.
6. Monday is the first day of the week.
7. Aruna loves chocolate.
8. Mr Shetty is a painter.



**G** The grid given below contains the names of **eight things we find in a classroom**. Find and circle them.

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R	D	E	S	K	D	P	K	T	N
C	H	A	R	T	U	E	A	A	Z
B	A	P	C	H	S	N	Y	B	S
O	S	C	H	N	T	C	M	L	T
O	A	L	A	Q	E	I	Y	E	A
K	P	E	L	M	R	L	T	I	R
S	N	F	K	C	H		I	R	

**H** Colour the boxes that have **proper nouns**.

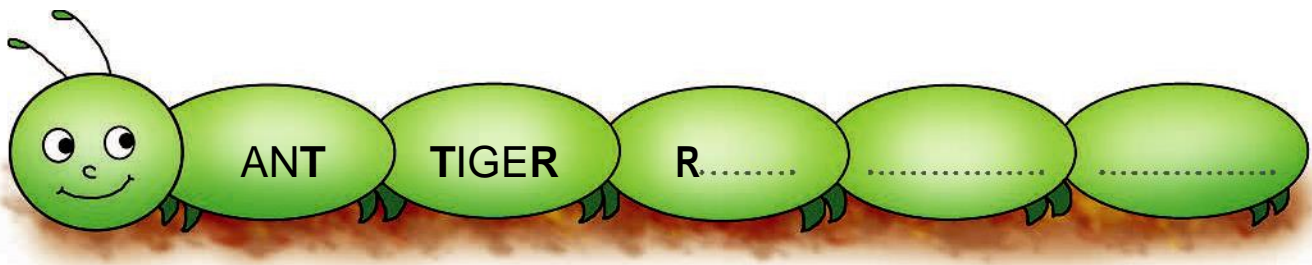
ball	Santa Claus	kitchen	Africa	Eid
clock	park	Ganga	teacher	Neera
Patna	desk	grass	England	mother
foot	Jai	Rashmi	palace	Batman

**I** Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the nouns given in the strip below.

hair      Japan      book      October      Neeraj

1. Charu went to..... last year.
2. ....loves to play badminton.
3. My birthday is in.....
4. Tristan's..... is very long.
5. Did you enjoy reading this..... ?

**J** The names of some animals are given in the caterpillar below. Name another animal whose name begins with the last letter of the previous animal's name. Name three more animals.



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Grammar Game

Divide the class into three groups: Group A, Group B and Group C. The groups can also

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be given some interesting proper names. Now a child from Group A will say a name, for example, Akhil. A child from Group B has to say a name that begins with the last letter of the name Akhil, i.e., *L*. Let's suppose the name given is Lalit. Now a child from Group C will say a name that begins with *T*. This way, the game goes on without repeating any name.