

The rooster is crowing.
subject → verb

My friend loves dogs.
subject verb object

Nouns



What is a noun?

Nouns are 'naming words'. They identify people, animals, places, things and ideas.

Concrete nouns refer to things we can see, touch, taste, hear or smell. For example, '**fish**', '**chair**', '**apple**', '**book**', '**field**', '**house**'.



Abstract nouns refer to thoughts, ideas, feelings and qualities – things we *cannot* see or touch. For example, '**happiness**', '**sadness**', '**pain**', '**fear**', '**anger**', '**beauty**', '**love**' and '**hate**'.

Can you think of five more concrete nouns and five more abstract nouns?

Different groups of nouns

All nouns can be divided into the following three groups:

Proper nouns

The names of particular people, places or things, e.g. 'Katie', 'Spain', 'Tuesday'.
Proper nouns begin with capital letters.

Common nouns

All nouns that are not proper nouns, e.g. 'cat', 'table', 'hamburger', 'kindness'.

Collective nouns

Nouns that refer to a group of nouns, e.g. 'herd', 'team', 'family', 'class', 'orchestra'.

Collective nouns take a **singular** verb, e.g. 'The herd of sheep is very noisy.'



Proper, common or collective?



Common nouns can be **count nouns** or **non-count nouns**.

Count nouns are, literally, things that can be counted!

For example, you can have **one** pizza, **two** hamburgers and **three** milkshakes.

'Pizza', 'hamburger' and 'milkshake' are all examples of count nouns. They have a **singular form** and they have a **plural form**.



Can you name ten count nouns in your classroom?

Count and non-count (mass) nouns



Non-count – or ‘mass’ nouns – are nouns that *cannot* be counted.

For example, we do not say “could I have two milks please”. We say, “could I have *some* milk”.

Milk is a non-count (mass) noun. It has a singular form but it does not have a plural form.

Here are some more examples of non-count (mass) nouns.

rice

air

music

salt

mud

boredom

money

sand

homework

meat

soap



Can you think of any more non-count (mass) nouns?

Count or non-count noun?



Can you identify count nouns from
non-count (mass) nouns?
In each round, press on the type of nouns
specified before the time runs out.
Press **start** to begin.

start



Team quiz

