

SPAG Booklet

Different Kinds of Nouns



Nouns are naming words. They can be names of people, places or things.

There are different kinds of **nouns**.

There are: **common nouns**, **proper nouns**, **compound nouns**, **concrete nouns**, **abstract nouns** and **collective nouns**.

In this booklet, you will be able to learn about and practise using the different kinds of nouns.

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Common Nouns and Proper Nouns

Common Nouns are the names of things around us.

Examples: tree, horse, girl, chair.

Proper Nouns are the particular names of people and places. They always begin with a capital letter

Examples: France, London, Peter, Anne.

There are two nouns in each of the sentences below. It is your job to find them and write them in the correct boxes.

1. Sandra loved to fly her kite.

Common Noun	Proper Noun

2. The trophy was won by James.

Common Noun	Proper Noun

3. Lions are from Africa.

Common Noun	Proper Noun

4. My teacher is called Mrs Patel.

Common Noun	Proper Noun

Common Nouns and Proper Nouns

Read the sentences below.

Underline the common nouns and draw a loop around the proper nouns.

The first one has been done for you.

1. John and Lucy went to the zoo to see the animals.
2. There were lots of sheep on Farmer Brown's farm.
3. The children wanted to go to Alton Towers.
4. The school holidays begin on Friday.
5. My dentist is called Mrs Bloom.
6. Mr Jones drove his car to Devon.
7. The sausages sizzled in the pan and Amanda licked her lips.
8. Molly was an excellent pianist.
9. Prince William has two very young children.

Compound Nouns

Compound nouns are made from two or more words joined together to form a new noun.

Examples: be came = became

every thing = everything

Nouns		Compound Nouns
life	friend	lifeboat
basket	while	
some	week	
boat	ship	
up	mean	
day	grand	
end	ball	
team	corn	
stairs	pop	
light	work	
children	one	

Compound Noun Wordsearch



earthquake	grandfather	nutcracker
everything	cheeseburger	jellybean
footprint	earthworm	postcard
become	starfish	haircut
anyone	butterfly	scarecrow
background	jackpot	fisherman
superman	goodnight	

Concrete and Abstract Nouns

Concrete Nouns are the names of things that can be seen or touched.

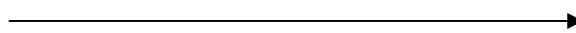
Examples: books, dogs, apples.

Abstract Nouns are the names of things we cannot see or touch such as emotions and qualities.

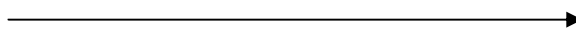
Examples: happiness, warmth, kindness.

Read the list of words below and decide whether they are abstract nouns or concrete nouns. Write a **C** for **concrete** and an **A** for **abstract**. The first one has been done for you.

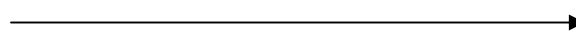
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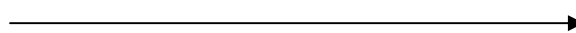
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jelly



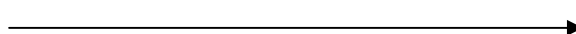
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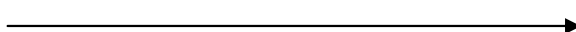
zebra



love



flower



Concrete and Abstract Nouns

Read the sentences below.

Underline the concrete nouns and draw a loop around the abstract nouns.

The first one has been done for you.

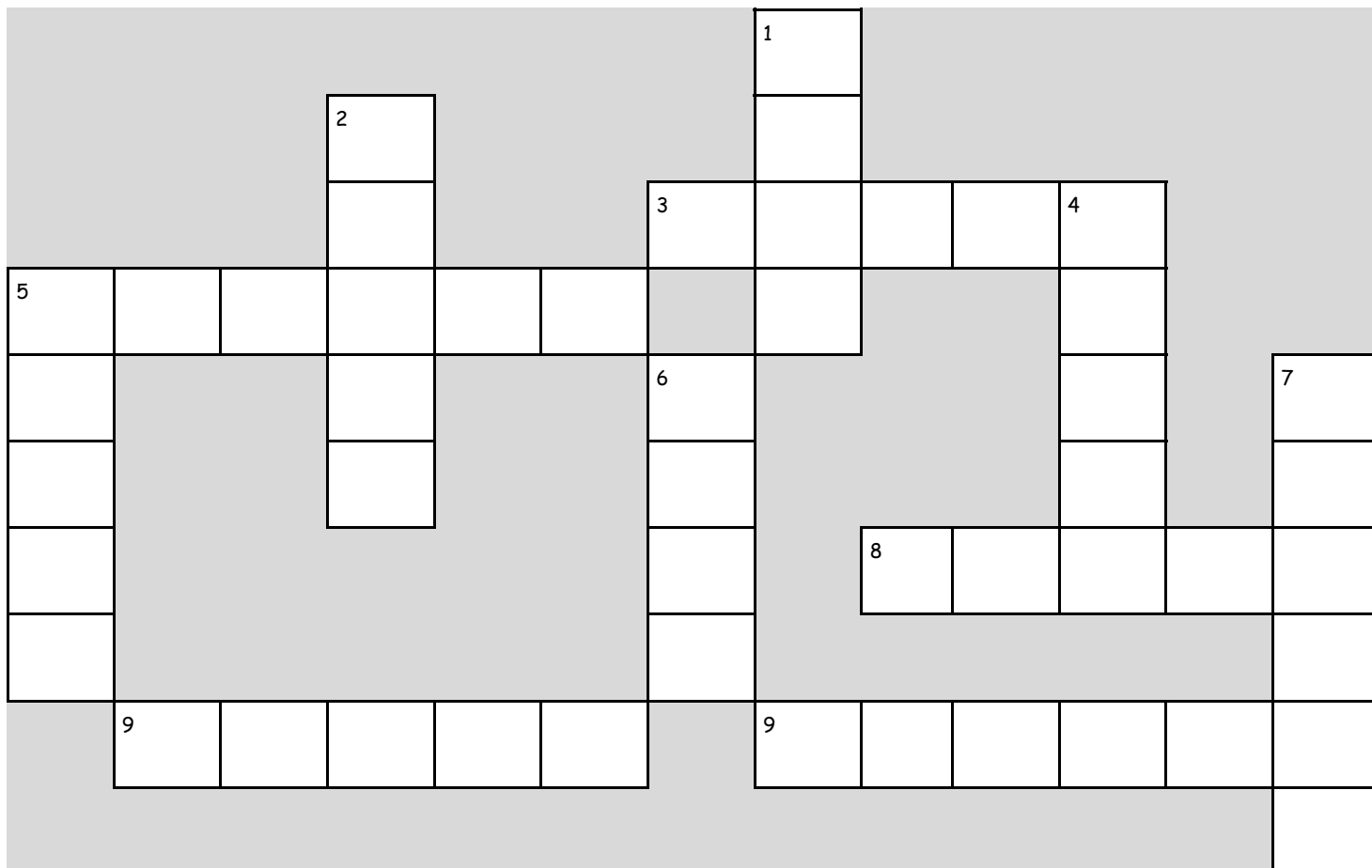
1. Simon showed his kindness by helping the old lady.
2. The rich man shared his wealth with the poor villagers
3. My sister was filled with happiness when her daughter was born.
4. "Honesty is a very good quality to have." said the teacher.
5. The old man shared his childhood memories with his grandchildren.
6. Janet's face was a picture of joy when she opened her presents.
7. My Granny always used to say, "Silence is golden."
8. A good imagination is useful for an author.
9. Sanjit could feel the heat of the fire.

Collective Nouns

Collective nouns are the names given to a group of things.

Examples: a herd of elephants, a pack of wolves.

Can you complete the crossword below? The answers are all collective nouns.



Across

3. A _____ of monkeys.
5. A _____ of ants.
8. A _____ of ships.
9. A _____ of bees.
10. A _____ of geese.

Down

1. A _____ of cows.
2. A _____ of fish.
4. A _____ of lions.
5. A _____ of witches.
6. A _____ of wolves.
7. A _____ of kittens.

litter	coven	hive	gaggle
troop	herd	fleet	shoal
pride	colony	pack	

Sort Them Out

Read the nouns in the box below. There are many different kinds of nouns.

It is your job to sort them into the correct columns on the table. One has been done for you. (Some of the nouns could belong to more than one group!)

~~Annie~~ house hotpot family wisdom doll
clock toothpaste football problem pillow shoe
love flock London pride keyboard clutch
America army dog artist Callum greed

Proper Nouns	Common Nouns	Concrete Nouns	Abstract Nouns	Compound Nouns	Collective Nouns
Annie					

A Peek at Pronouns

Pronouns are short words that replace common or proper nouns.

Examples: **he, she, they, it.**

They refer to people or objects.

*Example 1: Helen rode her horse but **Helen** fell off.*

In this sentence we would change the second "Helen" to **she**.

The sentence would become: *Helen rode her horse but **she** fell off.*

*Example 2: I made some cakes and gave **the cakes** to my friend .*

In this sentence we would change "the cakes" to **them**.

The sentence would become: *I made some cakes and gave **them** to my friend .*

In the sentences below, one of the nouns has been written in **bold**. Copy each sentence but replace the (**bold**) noun with a pronoun.

1. James went to the park where **James** played football.
2. Sally was thirsty so **Sally** had a drink.
3. The children were cold because the **children** had been outside.
4. Sue and Marie like to play on **Sue and Marie's** trampoline.
5. Derek wrapped the present and gave **the present** to his mum.
6. Kate dropped the egg and **the egg** broke.