

English Grammar Class 6

Nouns

The idea of nouns is discussed in this article. A noun refers to the name of a person, place animal, or thing. The noun refers to both countable and uncountable things, i.e. the things which we could see, touch, and feel and also the things which we cannot see, feel or touch. For example kindness, table, etc. For good understanding and idea clarity, practice questions and solved examples are provided throughout the article. Let's start our journey on this important topic.

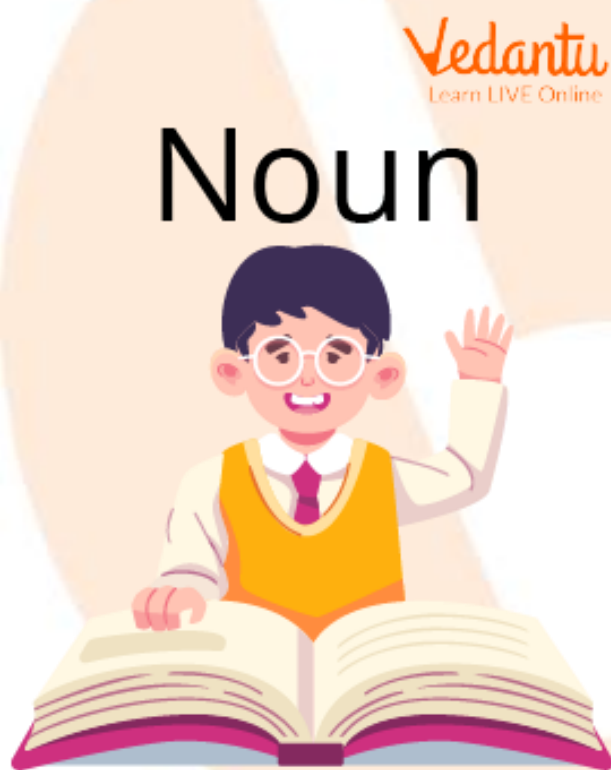


Image: The noun

What are Nouns?

A noun refers to a word that names something, such as a person, place, thing, or idea of something. Nouns can play the role of subject, direct object, indirect object, appositive, or adjective.

Examples:

- **Person:** Man, Ram, Riya, etc
- **Place:** Delhi, Agra, America, Australia, etc
- **Animal:** Cow, Dog, Tiger, etc.
- **Thing:** Chair, laptop, car, etc.



Image: Example of noun

Types of Noun

1. Common noun
2. Proper noun
3. Collective noun
4. Material noun

There are other types of nouns as well such as countable noun, uncountable noun, concrete noun, gender: specific noun, concrete noun, etc. for example zoo which we can see and touch comes under concrete noun, example: father-in-law the noun made up of two or more words constitute compound nouns, lady, men, women, etc which symbolizes a specific character male or female constitute gender-specific noun. The types of a noun are discussed in detail hereafter.

Common Noun

A common noun is a name given to any person, place, animal, or thing in general. For example girl, in general, refers to all the community of girls, and names like Radha, and Priya come under it and refer to a single person. For example cities, states, boys, etc all refer to the whole community.

Proper Noun

The proper noun refers to the name of a particular person, place animal, or thing.

For example Mumbai, Agra, Shruti, Dimple, Sahil, Yamuna river, red fort, etc.

Unlike, the common noun it doesn't refer to the names of the community rather it refers to the names in particular.



Image: The Taj Mahal

Collective Noun

A Collective Noun is the name given to a collection of persons, animals, and things taken together as one. As the name suggests, it refers to the collection of things as a whole. For example, An army is a group of soldiers, A swarm is a

collection of bees or flees, A flock is a group of sheep, gang A shoal is a group of fish.



Image: Group of People

Material Noun

The material noun is the name of substances or materials. As the name suggests it refers to the names of materials etc. For example cotton, iron, gold, steel, diamond, plastic Etc.

Difference Between Collective Nouns and Common

Basic	Collective Noun	Common Noun
Meaning	A Collective noun denotes a group of person place animals or things.	A common noun refers to a general word for the common person, place, animal, or thing as opposed to a particular individual.

Singular/plural	Collective nouns are generally treated as singular only.	A common noun can either be singular or plural.
Example	Family, staff, crowd, flock etc	Student, teacher, road, river, etc.

Difference Between Countable Nouns and Uncountable Nouns

Basic	Countable Noun	Uncountable Noun
Meaning	The Countable noun refers to the noun which can be counted with numbers	The uncountable noun refers to the noun which cannot be counted with numbers.
Singular/Plural	It can take the form of both singulars as well as plural.	It only takes the form of a singular noun.
Examples	One student, an apple, two bottles, and 8 dogs.	Luck, kindness, water, vegetarianism, etc.

Difficult Word Meanings

Word	Meaning
Vegetarianism	Practise of not eating nonveg.
Gang	An organized group of criminals
Batches	A set of jobs that are done together

Summary

Nouns describe the people, things, concepts, and other things that make up our world. They serve as the foundational blocks of language. Your English trip will be more enjoyable and solid if you learn the different types of nouns. Therefore, get proficient with these words and make a point of learning more about this. Let us hear the various words that come to mind.

Practice Question

1. **Identify the type of noun: the special name for a person, place, animal, or thing.**
 - **Material noun**
 - **Collective noun**
 - **Proper noun**
 - **Uncountable noun**
2. **Fill in the blanks: a _____ of thieves.**
 - **Gang**
 - **Fleet**
 - **Bouquet**
 - **Colony**

3. Fill in the blanks: My mom made a _____ of cookies.

- Batch
- Stack
- Cluster
- Flock

4. Identify the noun in the sentence.

Ram went shopping with his mother.

- Ram
- Mother
- Shopping
- All of these

Answers

1. The special name for the person place, animal, or thing refers to the **proper noun**.
2. A **gang** of thieves.
3. My mom made a **batch** of cookies.
4. The nouns in the sentence are Ram, Mother, and Shopping, So the correct answer is option D, **all of these**.