

Common and Proper

NOUNS

"Selfish" NOUN Sort

selfish

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and look for the nouns. Sort them into the chart below.

Common	Proper

REMEMBER
person, place, thing, animal or idea are
NOUNS
not person, place, thing, animal or idea
: They begin with a capital letter.

I Have, Who Has: Common And Proper Nouns

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Proper NOUN Tic-Tac-Toe

Use a proper noun that goes with each common noun in the box. You must get 3 in a row to win!

planet	restaurant	holiday
ocean	school	language
place	title	company

Player 1 _____ Partner 2 _____

Common & Proper Nouns

Suggestions for At Home Learning:

Teachers: You may want to break this up into two weeks. Students could do three activities each week.

Day One: Have someone go over the common and proper nouns teaching page. Fill out the bottom portion together. Then complete the "whole group sort" with a guide or independently.

Day Two: Look for proper nouns in a book you are reading at home. Record them on the sheet provided.

Day Three: Look for proper nouns in your house. Record them on the sheet provided.

Day Four: Play Proper Noun Tic-Tac-Toe with a partner.

Day Five: Play Proper Noun Memory independently or with a partner.

Day Six: Read through the poem with someone once just to become familiar with it. The second time, the student can read it independently. On the third read, the student should begin to highlight any nouns they see (there are 13). Once the student has found all the nouns, they can sort them on the chart.

Common & Proper Nouns

A **common noun** names any person, place, thing, animal or idea.

A **proper noun** names a specific person, place, thing, animal or idea. They always begin with a capital letter.

<u>Common</u>	<u>Proper</u>
teacher	Mrs. Brown
day	Monday

Can you name a
common and proper noun pair?

<u>Common</u>	<u>Proper</u>

Whole Group Sort

When I use this in the classroom, I print page 5 out as a poster and laminate it. I print the “cards” out as large as I can and ask individual students to sort them on the chart. It’s a great way for me to observe what my kids know early on. It also works well as a small group activity.

You could also print both out regular size and have students work independently or with a partner on this task. It’s important to note that the students will not be matching up common and proper noun “pairs” in this activity. This just assesses whether or not they can recognize the difference between common and proper nouns. I hope one or more of these options will work for you!



Common & Proper Noun Sort

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common	PROPER

Cut up the word cards below.
Sort them on the chart.

Thursday	school
eraser	sidewalk
Labor Day	Jerry
Anna	Mexico
song	August
chipmunk	New York
Atlanta	movie
football	ticket

Answer Key

Common Nouns	Proper Nouns
school	Thursday
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Proper Noun Detectives

Look for examples of proper nouns in the book you are reading. Record them on the chart below.

Proper Nouns: People	Proper Nouns: Places	Proper Nouns: Things



Title: _____

Noun Detectives at HOME!

Look for examples of common and proper nouns in your home! Record them on the chart below.

Common Nouns	Proper Nouns



Name: _____

PROPER NOUN tic-tac-toe

Before I give this to my students to play, I always model it first. Proper nouns can be tricky – especially for English Language Learners.

I use the first board in this pack as my model. The most challenging categories are on this board and it provides several opportunities for those “teachable moments” we look for. If a pair of students finishes quickly, I also have extra copies of this board on hand as a challenge.

I run the next two pages back-to-back so that students can play more than one game. I make sure to walk around the room to monitor partners who are struggling.

My kids love to play this over and over. After we’ve played in class, I keep laminated copies of this in my centers/Daily 5 area. It also makes for a great sub activity if your students have played before.

😊 I would love to hear and see how this works in your room!

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Proper Noun Tic-Tac-Toe

SAMPLE ANSWERS GIVEN BELOW

Jupiter planet	Applebee's restaurant	Thanksgiving holiday
Pacific Ocean ocean	East Dillon High School school	French language
The White House place	Charlotte's Web title	Google company

Partner 1 _____ Partner 2 _____

Common-Propor Memory Match-Ups

The next page is a common-proper noun memory game.

Place all of the cards face down. The goal of the game is to "match" a common and proper noun pair together. For my inclusion students or struggling learners, I sometimes have them play with the cards all facing up. Then repeat with the cards facing down.

This is always one of my students' favorite games. I hope your class enjoys it as well!

store	shoe	city
Target	Nike	Atlanta
restaurant	character	boy
Applebee's	Junie B. Jones	Matt
month	street	weekday
August	Barber Road	Friday
holiday	state	singer
Thanksgiving	Georgia	Justin Bieber
movie	author	doctor
Finding Nemo	Jeff Kinney	Dr. Jones

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"Selfish" Noun Sort

Read the poem "Selfish" and look for the nouns. Sort them into the chart below.

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REMEMBER:

Words that name any person, place, thing, animal or idea are common nouns.

Nouns that name a special person, place, thing, animal or idea are proper nouns. They begin with a capital letter.

"Selfish" Noun KEY

Note: This is a general answer key. These are the words I typically identify with my students.

Common	Proper
boy	Baker Street
rule	Nicky
name	Legos
sister	Toy Story 3
flu	Wii
mom	
friends	
kid	

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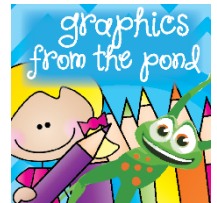
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Earth Day Subjects & Predicates

Earth Day Word Scramble

Michelle Can Help the Earth

- I can help the earth by clearing up the litter on the playground at the park.
- I can plant a tree to create more oxygen for the earth.
- If I plant a vegetable garden, we will make fewer trips to the grocery store.
- Turning off the lights when I leave a room will help me save energy at home!

End OF THE Year GALLERY WALK
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What is something you are **EXCITED** to do next year?

What is something you are **EASY** now hard for you beginning of

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