

Grammar Basics: Nouns

Grammar Basics — Grades 1–3 • 4 pages • Print Letter or A4, grayscale friendly

Nouns — Learn and practice with examples you can picture.

Learn

A noun names a person, animal, place, or thing. Common nouns name general things. Proper nouns name a specific person or place and start with a capital letter.

Examples

- girl, puppy, school
- park, book, river
- Proper: Maya, Paris, Lakeview School

Tip for grown-ups: Read the examples together, point to each word, and act one out. Keep it playful — 5 to 8 minutes is enough for Grade 1.

How to use this sheet

Page 1 explains the idea. Page 2 is finding and marking practice. Page 3 is writing practice plus an optional Challenge for Grades 2–3. Page 4 is the Answer Key.

Low-ink worksheet — lines and boxes print clearly in grayscale.

Page 2 — Practice: Find and Mark

Circle each noun. Hint: Look for a person, animal, place, or thing.

Word bank — look for these ideas while you work

Read each sentence slowly. Mark only what the directions ask.

1. ☐ The cat slept on the mat.
2. ☐ Ms. Lee reads at the library.
3. ☐ We visited Grandpa in Austin.
4. ☐ Stars shine above the hill.
5. ☐ My brother owns a blue bicycle.
6. ☐ Apples grow in the orchard.

Boxes are checkboxes. Circle or underline as the directions say. Use a pencil so you can try again.

Grown-up check: Ask, "How do you know that word fits the job?" Praise noticing, not speed.

Page 3 — Practice: Write and Build

Write a noun to finish each sentence. Use a proper noun where marked.

1. ☐ My ____ barks at squirrels.
2. ☐ The ____ is reading a map.
3. ☐ We ate lunch at ____ (proper noun).
4. ☐ I saw a ____ at the zoo.
5. ☐ The ____ sits on the shelf.
6. ☐ My friend ____ (proper noun) drew a picture.

Challenge for Grades 2–3 (Optional)

Grade 1 can skip or try with help — this part is extra.

Grade 2–3 Challenge: Write two sentences. Underline the nouns. Circle the proper nouns.

1. Sentence 1: _____
2. Sentence 2: _____

Writing lines are real space — write in pencil, one clear word on each line.

Answer Key

Check your work on pages 2 and 3. For open writing, any sensible answer that follows the directions is correct. Samples show one good way.

1. Identification: cat, mat; Ms. Lee, library; Grandpa, Austin; Stars, hill; brother, bicycle; Apples, orchard
 2. Application: answers vary — any suitable noun; proper nouns must be capitalized
 3. Challenge: check that nouns are underlined and proper nouns circled and capitalized
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How answers match the pages

Identification (page 2): every closed item has its answer above. Application (page 3): sample words or sentences show level. Challenge (page 3, optional): check that the Challenge directions were followed and writing is clear — not an exact match.

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