

## NOUNS

A noun is a person, place, or thing. Additionally, a noun or a noun clause, when placed correctly, works as the subject of sentences.

### COMMON NOUNS

A common noun is any person, place, or thing.

EX:

chair  
computer  
window  
owl  
lion  
table

### PROPER NOUNS

Proper nouns are more specific and/or significant persons, places, or things, which demand more emphasis. Therefore, they are usually capitalized.

EX:

Socialism  
Democracy  
United States of America  
Smithsonian Institute  
Fibonacci Numbers  
George Washington

### SINGULAR AND PLURAL

Nouns may have singular and plural forms.

Singular refers to one thing.

EX:

Dog = 1 Dog

Plural refers to more than one thing.

EX:

Dogs = 2 or More Dogs

### COLLECTIVE NOUNS

Collective nouns are nouns appearing to be singular; however, they often represent larger numbers of items (e.g., people, things, etc.).

EX:

family  
legislature  
group  
band (as in a musical group)  
team