

**Rule  
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A noun names a person, place, thing, or idea.

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

person—*woman*

place—*park*

thing—*sailboat*

idea—*freedom*

- A **proper noun** names a specific person, place, thing, or idea.  
A proper noun begins with a capital letter.

**common**

girl

store

city

uncle

**proper**

Alicia

Hal's Minimart

Seattle

Uncle Jake

## Common & Proper Nouns

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**A** Complete these sentences, replacing the common nouns with proper nouns.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ visited \_\_\_\_\_ on her birthday.  
(a girl) (a city)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ saw \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky.  
(a boy) (a planet)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ sailed across the \_\_\_\_\_  
(a person) (an ocean)

last \_\_\_\_\_  
(a month)

4. When \_\_\_\_\_ reached the top of \_\_\_\_\_  
(a woman) (a mountain)  
she planted a flag to mark her achievement.

**B** Write a proper noun to name the following:

your whole name \_\_\_\_\_

your school \_\_\_\_\_

your town \_\_\_\_\_

a song \_\_\_\_\_

a movie \_\_\_\_\_

the president \_\_\_\_\_

# Capitalize Properly

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On the lines provided, write all the proper nouns in each sentence. Remember to capitalize the proper nouns.

- 1.** The town of blair, nebraska, is home to dana college.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2.** The college was founded by danish immigrants to america.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3.** The politician paul simon attended dana college as a young man.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4.** The city of ashland, oregon, is home to southern oregon university.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5.** The university of colorado is located in boulder, colorado.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6.** On april 20, 2001, the university of colorado celebrated its 125th birthday.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7.** The town of klamath falls, oregon, is home to klamath community college and the oregon institute of technology.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8.** Many cities, including san francisco, denver, and dallas, have community colleges.  
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# Circles and Boxes

Circle all the proper nouns in the sentences. Then cross out the first letter of each proper noun and replace it with a capital letter. Finally, draw a box around all the common nouns.

1. My grandmother, ruth heffelfinger, has been living for over eighty years.
2. She lives in auburn, indiana.
3. Her birthday is in october.
4. Grandma ruth likes to visit warm places in the winter.
5. Sometimes she goes to florida.
6. Sometimes she visits my aunt mary in texas.
7. My grandmother lived on a large farm in indiana for many years.
8. Now she lives at the westside trailer park.
9. Her home is actually located on ruth street!
10. Her son, david, lives in the same park on peterson street.