

Focus Skills: Identify Nouns+Proper/Common + Author's Purpose

Name _____ **Date** _____

Week 1: Day One

Circle the nouns in each sentence.

1. The subways in Toronto were crowded with tourists.
2. Tom expects honesty and kindness from his boss.

Write the nouns that were circled above in the correct categories.

Person(s)	Place	Thing	Idea

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Does you know that different kinds of nouns exist. Common nouns named general things such as a lake, a person, or a toy. These nouns are not capitalized? Proper nouns, however, name a specific lake such as Mirror Lake or a specific person such as hank or maria. They can name a particular toy such as a Frisbee or play station 2. Proper nouns are more specific, and they must be capitalized. Teachers love to see students using these specific or proper nouns in there writing.

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- inform entertain persuade describe

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Week 1: Day Two

Write a corresponding proper noun for each common noun.

Common Noun	Proper Noun
Example: cereal	Frosted Flakes
car	
candy bar	
restaurant	

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dear mrs barton

Now that I am starting a new school year, i has a special request.

Please allow me to use a mechanical pencil in class this year

Since I am a year older and more responsible, I want to prove that I

wood use a mechanical pencil as a tool and not a plaything. If you see

me fiddling with it, you culd take away my privilege.

your student

Mike Flynn

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Week 1: Day Three

Use editing marks to show capitalization and comma errors in each sentence. Choose the sentence that has no errors.

Example: Miki tried rock climbing in Jackson, Wyoming.
 miki tried Rock climbing in jackson wyoming

1. tanya visited the university of denver.
 Tanya visited the University of Denver.
 Tanya visited the University Of Denver.
 Tanya visited the university of Denver.

2. My favorite fishing village is Portland maine .
 My favorite fishing village is portland, maine.
 My favorite fishing village is Portland, Maine.
 My favorite fishing village is Portland Maine.

Circle the proper nouns in the following passage.

The best part of Sunday is the huge colored comic section. Chris and Jason fight over who gets to read the comics first. It's okay if they go first because I reach for a bowl of Cheerios with milk and a glass of Sunny D. I contentedly wait my turn and munch on my cereal and later eat a Pop-Tart! By that point in the morning, I have a full stomach and the comics are all mine!

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Week 1: Day Four

Some of the words below are proper nouns.
Make corrections in the space above, if necessary.

- 1. pacific ocean telephone lamp utah

- 2. mr. cook cracker canada shoes

Choose the word that is a noun in each sentence below.

- 3. Patrick rushed to the park to start warm-up drills.
 Patrick rushed start

- 4. Once in awhile, a month will have two full moons.
 month have two

Write each proper noun correctly in the space to the right of that item.

Places I Want to Visit	
5. statue of liberty	
6. sea of cortez	
7. eiffel tower	
8. mt. rushmore	
9. tower of london	

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Week 1: Day Five-Assessment

Circle the proper nouns in each sentence.

1. Maya flew on United Airlines to Veracruz, Mexico.
2. Didn't Trevor need to go to Sears on Friday?
3. Jorge heads to Washington Park for a jog on Tuesdays.

Choose the sentence that is written correctly.

4. calvin didnt travel to montreal canada
 Calvin didn't travel to Montreal, Canada.
 Calvin didn't travel to montreal, Canada.
 Calvin didnt travel to Montreal, Canada.
5. Tell janice we'll meet at old navy.
 tell janice well meet at old navy
 Tell Janice we'll meet at Old Navy.
 tell Janice we'll meet at old navy.
6. did Mom and dad drive to home depot
 Did Mom and Dad drive to home depot?
 did Mom and Dad drive to Home Depot.
 Did Mom and Dad drive to Home Depot?

Write each proper noun correctly in the space to the right of that item.

Popular Vacation Spots	
7. san diego	
8. niagara falls	
9. sea world	
10. grand canyon	

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Week 1: Day Five-Assessment-p.2

Choose the word that is a noun in each sentence below.

11. Seventy students signed up for orchestra this year.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> seventy | <input type="radio"/> signed |
| <input type="radio"/> orchestra | <input type="radio"/> this |

12. Cooler temperatures and golden colors make fall the best season of the year.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> cooler | <input type="radio"/> golden |
| <input type="radio"/> best | <input type="radio"/> year |

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That thunderstorm last night was pretty crazy the clouds
looked like dark steel wool racing across the sky. I saw white zigzag
flashes of lightning that were followed by painful crashes of thunder.
My sister cat and dog ran to the basement in fear, but I stayed upstairs
and watch enormous drops of rain go "splat" on the dry pavement. I
could feel the concrete cooling off and smell the grass quenching its thirst

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