

Kinds of Nouns

2c. A **common noun** names any one of a group of persons, places, things, or ideas.

2d. A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, thing, or idea.

COMMON books **PROPER** Library of Congress

2e. A **concrete noun** names a person, place, or thing that can be perceived by one or more of the senses (sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell).

2f. An **abstract noun** names an idea, a feeling, a quality, or a characteristic.

CONCRETE money **ABSTRACT** generosity

2g. A **collective noun** is a word that names a group.

2b. A **compound noun** is made up of two or more words used together as a single noun.

COLLECTIVE flock, crew, Congress **COMPOUND** baseball, World Series

EXERCISE A Identify each of the following nouns. On the line provided, write *COM* for *common noun* or *PRO* for *proper noun*. Then, write *CON* for *concrete noun* or *ABS* for *abstract noun*.

Example COM, ABS 1. honesty

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| _____ 1. Philadelphia | _____ 6. Thomas Jefferson |
| _____ 2. wisdom | _____ 7. federalism |
| _____ 3. Potomac River | _____ 8. eagle |
| _____ 4. freedom | _____ 9. First Continental Congress |
| _____ 5. airport | _____ 10. independence |

EXERCISE B Identify each of the following nouns. On the line provided, write *COLL* for *collective noun* or *COMP* for *compound noun*. Hint: One noun is both collective and compound.

Example COMP 1. space shuttle

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| _____ 11. sister-in-law | _____ 16. Super Bowl |
| _____ 12. family | _____ 17. Gulf of Mexico |
| _____ 13. Lake Ontario | _____ 18. self-respect |
| _____ 14. houseboat | _____ 19. audience |
| _____ 15. team | _____ 20. Boston Pops Orchestra |