

What is a noun?

It is a word that means a person, place, thing or idea.

Some nouns are: cat, boy, outside, book or happiness.

There are many types of nouns:

Common noun: any person, place, thing or idea.

(Examples: girl, boat, house, rain...)

Proper noun: a particular person, place, thing or idea. Proper nouns always begin with a capital letter. If there is more than one word in the proper noun, we capitalize the first letter of each word.

(Examples: Jesus Christ, Christmas, Grimm's Fairy Tales, Canada...)



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Parts of Speech Nouns

How many nouns?

Singular nouns: When we refer to only one noun (person, place, thing or idea), we call that a singular noun.

(Examples: candle, store, watch, boy)

Plural nouns: When we refer to *more than one* person, place, thing or idea, we call that a plural noun. You can make most nouns plural by adding an 's' or 'es' to the end of the word.

(Examples: candles, stores, watches, boys)

Irregular nouns: Sometimes nouns can't be made plural with an 's' or 'es,' they must be changed in a different way. We call these nouns irregular. See examples.

<i>foot to feet</i>	<i>man to men</i>
<i>wife to wives</i>	<i>mouse to mice</i>
<i>tooth to teeth</i>	<i>cactus to cacti</i>



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