

The Noun

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A **noun** is a word or word group that is used to name a person, place, thing, or idea.

EXAMPLES Charles Drew, officer, Perkins Middle School, town, pencil, holiday, democracy, guilt

EXERCISE A Underline all the nouns in the following sentences.

Example 1. Sumatra is a large island in Indonesia.

- Unusual plants and animals live in this part of the world.
- Orangutans live in Sumatra and Borneo.
- This area of Asia contains many jungles.
- The rafflesia is the largest flower in the world.
- The blossom may be as wide as a yard.
- The plants have huge flowers but no leaves or stems.
- This giant plant needs the hot climate of Indonesia.
- Aunt Pearl took a picture of a rafflesia.
- Each flower has five wide lobes.
- Most people think the rafflesia has a terrible smell.

EXERCISE B Supply nouns to fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

Example 1. Did the cat and the dog make this mess?

- _____ is the strongest _____ in our _____.
- He tries always to tell the _____.
- Are they visiting _____ or _____?
- _____ and _____ are both _____.
- Will you bring your _____ to the _____?

EXERCISE C The paragraph below contains twenty nouns. Underline each noun.

Example Delaware is a small state in the eastern United States.

During the summer, Mike visited his grandparents at Coin Beach in Delaware. The boy wondered about the name of the beach. A lifeguard provided an explanation: Apparently, coins often wash up on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean. People think the money comes from a sunken ship, the *Faithful Steward*, which is a ship that sank off the coast in the eighteenth century.