

Common and Proper Nouns

A **common noun** is a general name for a person, a place, a thing, or an idea. Common nouns are not capitalized.

A **proper noun** is the name of a particular person, place, thing, or idea. Proper nouns always begin with a capital letter.

Common Nouns	Proper Nouns
team	Dallas Cowboys
school	Boulevard School
building	John Hancock Center
athlete	David Robinson

Finding Proper Nouns In the following sentences, draw one line under each common noun and two lines under each proper noun. Capitalize the proper nouns.

Example Sears^T/tower is a skyscraper in Chicago^C, Illinois^I.

1. Hurricanes hit the coast of florida during august.
2. A French explorer named cadillac founded detroit.
3. Zora neale hurston wrote novels and collected folk tales about african americans.
4. During world war II, many American women worked in factories while the men fought in europe.
5. Batman lives in gotham city.

Writing Proper Nouns For each common noun that is given, write two proper nouns.

- | | | |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| 1. athlete | _____ | _____ |
| 2. holiday | _____ | _____ |
| 3. magazine | _____ | _____ |
| 4. movie star | _____ | _____ |
| 5. city | _____ | _____ |
| 6. school | _____ | _____ |
| 7. shopping mall | _____ | _____ |
| 8. musician | _____ | _____ |