

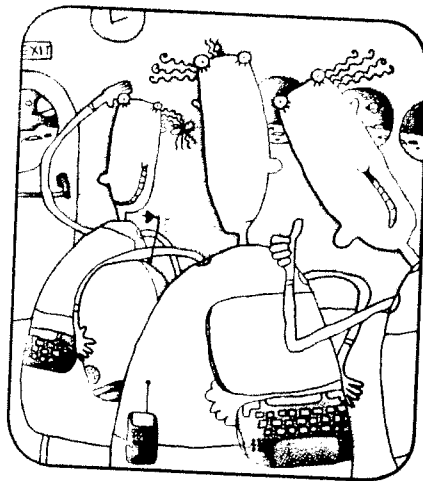
Nouns

Nouns name the people, places, things, or ideas we use in our writing and speaking. Note the nouns (color) in the example sentence. (See pages 470 and 702 in *Write Source* for more examples.)

Example

Sally met her new classmates in the hallway.

“Sally” names a person, “classmates” names the people who have gathered around her, and “hallway” names the place where they stand. “Sally” is also the subject of the example sentence. (The subject is the part of a sentence that is doing something or about which something is said.)



Directions

Underline the nouns used as simple subjects in the sentences that follow. In the space provided, tell whether each subject (noun) is a “person,” a “place,” a “thing,” or an “idea.” The first one has been done for you.

idea

1. The thought of introducing herself made Sally feel queasy.
- _____ 2. The students stared at her.
- _____ 3. Her nervousness was obvious to everyone.
- _____ 4. The first-hour bell scared Sally.
- _____ 5. The teachers told all the students to get to their first-hour classes.
- _____ 6. Sally had no idea which way to go.
- _____ 7. McKinley School was so much larger than her old school.
- _____ 8. Two girls walked up to Sally, smiled, and offered to help.
- _____ 9. Sally breathed a sigh of relief and thanked the girls.
- _____ 10. Her first-hour classroom was down the hall.

Next Step Write one sentence that includes four nouns, one used as a person, one as a place, one as a thing, and one as an idea.