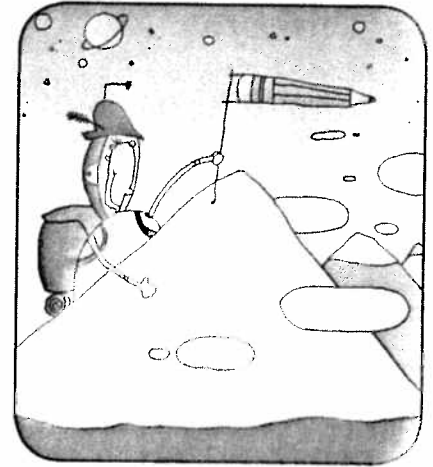


Concrete and Abstract Nouns

Nouns can be concrete or abstract. A **concrete noun** names a thing that is physical (can be touched or seen). An **abstract noun** names something you can think about but cannot see or touch. (Study the examples that follow as well as the ones at 702.3–702.4 in *Write Source*.)



Examples

Concrete Nouns:

Andes Mountains Venus pickles dirt

Abstract Nouns:

Buddhism hope prejudice

Directions

Read the following passage and underline all the nouns. Above each noun write "C" for concrete or "A" for abstract. The first sentence has been done for you.

- 1 Have you ever visited the mountains? Theories about how mountain
- 2 formed are interesting, but I'd rather visit the mountains than study them.
- 3 My belief is that the mountains are there for enjoyment, and I think that's a
- 4 good enough reason for their existence. My dream is to visit the Andes
- 5 Mountains in South America. The most amazing fact about the Andes is
- 6 that they are the longest chain of mountains in the world. They are a
- 7 natural wonder that stretches more than 4,500 miles. They spread through-
- 8 out seven countries from Venezuela to Chile. I would like to climb the
- 9 Andes, but there is less oxygen in the mountains, and I may end up out of
- 10 breath.

