

Nouns & Types of Nouns

Definition of Noun

A noun is a word that refers to the name of a person, thing, place, state, or quality. Noun comes under parts of speech and can be divided into singular and plural forms.

Types of Nouns	Definition	Examples
Proper Noun	A proper noun is used to name a person, place, or thing. Usually, proper nouns are written in capital letters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My name is Charlotte. • New Delhi is our capital city. • In August, India achieved its freedom.
Common Noun	When we define a place, people, or thing in a general way, it is called a common noun. Usually, a common noun is a kind of noun that does not have any name.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I saw a cat sitting on the wall. • Don't you need a pen? • Surya studies in college.
Collective Noun	Collective nouns are used to define a group of people, things, or animals. Collective nouns are also known as a group of nouns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People - Committee, crew, audience, team, family, tribe, crowd, gang, jury,

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		<p>parliament, flock, school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Animals - Herd, pack, swarm, flock, pride, gaggle, colony, hive, shoal. ● Things - Bunch, stack, pile, fleet, bouquet, chain, collection, assortment.
Material Noun	A material noun refers to that kind of physical matter that can be seen, touched, and sensed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The crown was made of gold. ● The bridge was constructed with steel beams. ● The seat is made of leather.
Abstract Noun	An abstract noun is a noun that refers to an idea, feeling, state, quality, concept, or experience that cannot be seen, heard, tasted, or smelt. Abstract nouns are not tangible. They do not exist in material or tangible form.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Love is the most beautiful emotion in the world. ● I can see his disappointment. ● Intermediate exam is the time to show your dedication.

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Countable Noun	<p>A countable noun is a noun that can be counted. It is also known as the count noun. Countable nouns have both singular and plural forms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am reading a storybook. [Singular form] • We bought a bag full of sweet apples. [Plural form] • I used a pen to make the calculation.
Uncountable Noun	<p>An uncountable noun is a noun that you cannot count as an individual unit. The uncountable noun is also known as the mass noun.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I prefer to eat rice during lunch. • They dumped all the garbage in front of my house. • Do you prefer milk in your coffee?
Singular Noun	<p>When a noun refers to only one person, place, thing, idea, or quality; it is known as a singular noun. Singular noun usually deals with an individual member of a group rather than focusing on the entire group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The eagle just hunted its prey. • He wants only a cake from us. • David wears a black hat.

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Plural Noun	When a noun refers to more than one person, place, or thing; it is known as a plural noun.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teachers show us the way to success. • Birds are chirping on the tree. • The garden is full of beautiful roses.

Common Mistakes in Using Nouns

Usually, class 10 students make a good number of mistakes while using nouns in the sentence. Here we have provided a few ways to avoid the common mistakes we usually make with nouns.

Noun Misidentification

10th-standard students sometimes make mistakes in distinguishing between proper nouns and common nouns. They often get confused with names like water or air should come under proper nouns or common nouns.

Collective Noun + Verb Mistakes

While using the collective noun, students generally make the noun + verb mistakes. For example; "The team are playing good cricket." (**Incorrect**)

While using collective nouns, it should be kept in mind that it is generally expressed as a unit. That is why, always the singular form of the verb to be used.

Correct form: "The team is playing good cricket."



Uncountable Noun + Verb Mistakes

In the same way as the collective noun, while using the uncountable noun; we sometimes by mistake use the plural form of the verb.

For example; water are cold. **(Incorrect)**

A student has to remember that using the singular form of the verb, is the correct way with uncountable nouns.

Correct form: Water is cold.

These are the 3 mistakes 10th-standard students usually make with nouns.