

Proper and Common Nouns.

A PROPER NOUN is a name applied to anything to distinguish it from other things of the same class ; while a COMMON NOUN is a name given to each of the things that can be included in a certain definition :—

Thus, "man" is *Common* ; "John," "Victoria," "Jones," etc., are *Proper*.

"house" is *Common* ; "Tudor Lodge," "The Grange," etc., are *Proper*.

"town" and "country" are *Common* ; "London," "England," "Canada," "Annapolis," are *Proper*.

Note.—A Proper Noun should begin with a capital letter.

Ex. XIII.—Pick out and classify the Nouns in Ex. VI.

Pronoun.

18. A word that *stands for* a Noun is called a PRONOUN, ‡
e. g. :—

Instead of saying

John saw Mary and Mary saw John,

we may say

John saw Mary and *she* saw *him*.

Instead of

John, is this book John's ?

we say

John, is this book *yours* ?

When a person tells you a piece of news, you say

I know *that*,

instead of repeating the story :

And instead of

I bought a horse : the horse is dead,

you say

The horse *that* I bought is dead.