

EXAMPLES.—*Town, street, city, church.*

Explanation.—These are names of *places*. All names of places are *nouns*.

EXAMPLES.—*Chair, pen, desk, fire, beauty, goodness.*

Explanation.—These are the names of *things*. All names of things are *nouns*.

2. There are three kinds of nouns:—

1. Common nouns. 2. Proper nouns 3. Abstract nouns.

3. DEFINITION.—A proper noun is a word used as the name of some particular person, animal, place or thing; as, *John, Wellington, France, Toronto*. A proper name is a person or thing's *own name*.

4. Proper nouns always begin with capitals.

5. DEFINITION.—A common noun is a word that may be used as the name of each thing out of some class of things of the same sort; as, *man, boy, country, city*.

6. An abstract noun is the name of a quality or attribute; as, *goodness, hardness, justice*.

In the following sentences name the nouns. There are two in each sentence:—

1. The boys are in school.
2. The gardener cut down the tree.
3. The sun rises in the morning.
4. The minister preached a sermon.
5. Sometimes we see a ship, sometimes we ship a sea.

In the following sentences name the nouns, and tell whether they are proper, common, or abstract;

1. Wellington won the battle of Waterloo.
2. London is the largest city in the world.
3. In going from New York to San Francisco, we crossed the Rocky Mountains.
4. We are going to Ottawa next Saturday.
5. Coal, iron, and other minerals, are obtained from Nova Scotia.
6. The boy told a falsehood.