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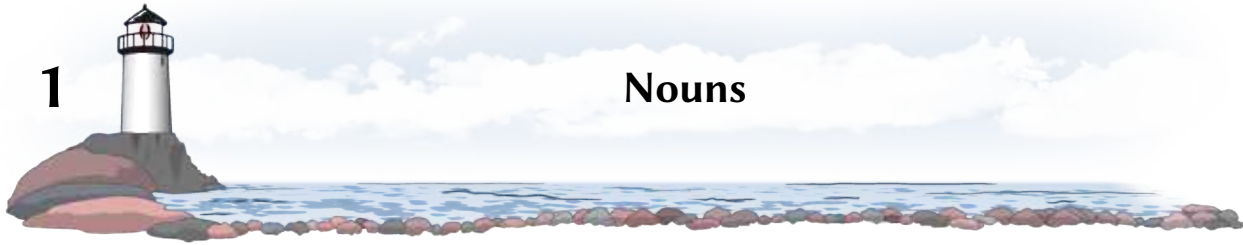
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Nouns

noun: a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea

collective noun: a noun that names a group of people or things



A **noun** is a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea. Most nouns are single words, but some nouns are formed by multiple words. Common nouns name any person, place, or thing. Proper nouns name specific people, places, or things.

chairman Africa continent Janice honesty Mason's General Store

Common nouns formed by multiple words are compound nouns. Compound nouns can have space between the words (open), no space between the words (closed), or be hyphenated. Treat a compound noun as a single word when marking or diagramming.

bus stop blackboard mother-in-law

A **collective noun** names a group of people or things. Since collective nouns refer to the group itself instead of each member, they are in the singular form.

team Congress herd

A Underline each noun and label it *C* for *common* or *P* for *proper*.

- During our descent into Los Angeles International Airport, one of the engines on the airliner flamed out.
- The pilot, struggling to keep the jet aligned with the runway, declared an emergency to Air Traffic Control.
- The colonies in America fought for eight years to gain their independence from England.
- Gideon defeated the Midianites with three hundred men, lamps, pitchers, and trumpets.
- Kari needs peanut butter and corn syrup for the recipe.



Lesson 1

B Using a dictionary, underline the correct way to write each compound noun.

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|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 6. lightyear | light-year | light year |
| 7. paperclip | paper-clip | paper clip |
| 8. schoolteacher | school-teacher | school teacher |

C Write a collective noun from the box for each item given. One word will not be used.

9. a group of wolves _____
10. a group of singers _____
11. a group of turkeys _____
12. a group of lions _____

caravan
chorus
flock
pack
pride

Concrete and Abstract Nouns

concrete noun: a noun that names something that can be physically perceived

abstract noun: a noun that names something that cannot be physically perceived



Concrete nouns name things you can see, touch, hear, or taste.

sunset ground waterfall roses salt

Abstract nouns name things that cannot be perceived by the five senses. Ideas, qualities, thoughts, and feelings are all named by abstract nouns.

honesty courage excitement freedom love

D Write *c* for **concrete** or *a* for **abstract** to tell whether each noun is concrete or abstract.

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 13. _____ encyclopedia | 17. _____ knowledge |
| 14. _____ respect | 18. _____ confusion |
| 15. _____ mercy | 19. _____ strawberries |
| 16. _____ clouds | 20. _____ friendship |

Penmanship

E Using your best handwriting, copy the quote by Thomas Edison.

“Imagination supplies the ideas; technical knowledge carries them out.”



Spelling – Patterns

Spelling Words

aerial	diabolical	hysterical	peripheral	rhetorical
bifocal	fiscal	language	physical	skeptical
bilingual	foci	linguist	portrayal	trifocal
colossal	focus	nocturnal	punctual	trilingual

Focus is the parent word for several words in this section. Today, *focus* often carries an optical meaning: “to bring lines of light to a point of convergence.” Words derived from *focus* have a *foc* root.

F Write the spelling word that fits each description. Circle each *foc* root.

21. _____ prescription eyewear that focuses at three different distances
22. _____ plural of *focus*
23. _____ prescription eyewear that focuses at two different distances
24. _____ the place where rays (such as light rays) come together or purposeful attention

The *-al* suffix can form adjectives or nouns. When forming nouns, *-al* indicates an action or a process. As an adjective, *-al* adds the sense of “having to do with” or “characterized by.”

G Write the spelling word that fits each description.

25. _____ characterized by skepticism
26. _____ having to do with the air or flying
27. _____ having to do with rhetoric
28. _____ characterized by hysterics
29. _____ having to do with the outer edge; extra
30. _____ being on time
31. _____ having to do with the nighttime
32. _____ having to do with taxes or money
33. _____ of or relating to the body; an examination of the body

H Write the Section 1 spelling words in your notebook.