

CLN Televised Courses  
GED Language Arts, Writing  
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## **GED Language Arts, Writing Lesson 1: Noun Overview Worksheet**

### NOUNS: DEFINITION

A NOUN can be a person, a place, a thing, or an idea.

EXAMPLES: man, children, store, a dream

There are two kinds of NOUNS:

COMMON NOUNS: Any non-specific person, place, or thing.

Common nouns do not have capital letters.

EXAMPLES: cat, woman, house, love.

PROPER NOUNS: A specific person, place, or thing.

Proper nouns need a capital letter.

EXAMPLES: John, Tommy, Hillyard Clinic, January.

### HELPFUL INFORMATION REGARDING COMMON & PROPER NOUNS:

1. All sentences begin with a capital letter. The following are also capitalized:
  - Dates (June 6, 2001)
  - Days of the week (Wednesday)
  - Months of the year (February)
  - All names of people, places and things (Jim, The White House, Titanic)
  - Titles of books (Little Women)
  - All nationalities of people (French, German, Black, Italian, African)
  - North, south, east & west are capitalized only if they name a particular place.
  - EXAMPLE: I live in The North. When north, south, east and west are used as a direction, they are NOT capitalized. EXAMPLE: To get to my house you must go north on Market Street and then go east on Freya Street.
  - Courses you take in school are not capitalized unless they have a number near them, or unless it is a specific language class. EXAMPLE: I am taking geometry. It is not as difficult as Algebra 101. I also take science and Italian.
2. All nouns are used as either subjects or objects in a sentence.
  - a) Nouns can be subjects: