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17.1 NOUNS – Practice 1

Nouns A noun is the name of a person, place, thing, or idea. *Singular* nouns name one person, place, thing, or idea. *Plural* nouns name more than one. A **compound** noun is a noun that is made up of more than one word. A **common** noun names any one of a class of people, places, things, or ideas. A **proper** noun names a specific person, place, or thing.

Singular Nouns	shoe	knife
Plural Nouns	shoes	knives
Compound Nouns	mother-in-law	bridge table
Common Nouns	month	mountain
Proper Nouns	April	Appalachian Mountains

A **concrete** noun names something you can see, touch, taste, hear, or smell. An **abstract** noun names something you cannot perceive through your senses.

<u>Concrete Nouns</u>	<u>Abstract Nouns</u>
motorcycle	happiness
concert	intelligence
spaghetti	curiosity

EXERCISE 1 Recognizing Nouns. Underline each noun in the sentences below.

EXAMPLE: Her decision was to pack the biscuits in foil.

- To our dismay, the escalator halted between floors.
- Sally bought an encyclopedia on technology.
- Can Amy get the cooperation of her classmates?
- Ted is interested in the origin of words.
- Halifax is the capital of Nova Scotia.
- The surgeon predicted gradual improvement of her health.
- First-class postage has almost doubled in this decade.
- Mr. Reid disagreed with her decision on that issue.
- A violet storm threatened the coast and the valley.
- Jane made a jack-o'-lantern for the party on Saturday.

EXERCISE 2 Identifying Concrete and Abstract Nouns. Write *concrete* or *abstract* next to each noun.

EXAMPLE: fear abstract

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| 1. dictionary _____ | 11. democracy _____ |
| 2. willingness _____ | 12. hope _____ |
| 3. sailboat _____ | 13. handbook _____ |
| 4. statue _____ | 14. perfume _____ |
| 5. preparation _____ | 15. jealousy _____ |
| 6. field _____ | 16. witness _____ |
| 7. thermometer _____ | 17. mortality _____ |
| 8. arena _____ | 18. computer _____ |
| 9. desperation _____ | 19. conscience _____ |
| 10. photocopy _____ | 20. orphanage _____ |