



**Parts of Speech Common Nouns**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Definition:** A **common noun** is an idea, person, place, or thing. It can be acted upon and is capitalized only at the start of a sentence. A common noun can be a single word, a group of words, or a hyphenated word.

Examples: It takes self-control	idea
for a teenager	person
to drive to school	place
in a sports car.	thing

**Writing Hints**

Whenever possible, use specific common nouns rather than general common nouns.

**Practice**

Sort the following common nouns as an idea, person, place, or thing in the correct columns: mountain, friendship, teacher, neighborhood, food, self-image, freedom, toy, fire-fighter, cousin, rock, country, lamp stand, football stadium, police officer, self-confidence, grandfather clock, family room, brother-in-law, world peace

IDEA	PERSON	PLACE	THING
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Application**

Compose four sentences, using a common noun from each category. Use none of the common nouns listed on this worksheet. Be as specific as possible.

idea \_\_\_\_\_

person \_\_\_\_\_

place \_\_\_\_\_

thing \_\_\_\_\_