



**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.

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| 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 |
|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____  | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____  | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____  | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____  | _____ | _____ |
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**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 \_\_\_\_\_