



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 for a teenager to drive to school in a sports car.

idea
person
place
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 _____