List of 50 Common and Proper Nouns with Examples

A common noun is a general name for a person, place, thing, or idea. Examples of common nouns include boy, city, book, and love. While a proper noun is a specific name for a person, place, thing, or idea. Examples of proper nouns include John, New York City, Harry Potter, and Valentine's Day. Proper nouns are always capitalized, while common nouns are only capitalized if they begin a sentence or are part of a title.

Common	Proper Nouns	
Nouns		Examples
city	Paris	I visited the city of Paris last summer.
animal	Giraffe	The giraffe at the zoo was very tall.
month	January	January is the first month of the year.
country	Italy	We went on a trip to Italy last year.
food	Pizza	My favorite food is pizza.
planet	Earth	We live on planet Earth.
job	Teacher	My mom is a teacher.
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bird	Parrot	My favorite bird is Parrot.
language	Spanish	I'm learning Spanish in school.
sport	Soccer	I love playing soccer with my friends.
tree	Oak	The leaves on the oak tree turned red in the fall.
book	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	I read Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone over the summer.
boy	Jack	Jack is my best friend.
girl	Emma	Emma has a new bike.
car	Toyota Camry	My dad drives a Toyota Camry.
movie	The Lion King	I watched The Lion King with my family last night.
store	Walmart	We went to Walmart to buy groceries.
planet	Mars	Scientists are studying the planet Mars.
river	Nile	The Nile River is the longest river in the world.
book series	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	I love reading the Diary of a Wimpy Kid book series.
animal	Elephant	The elephant at the zoo was playing with a ball.
holiday	Christmas	I love decorating Christmas trees with my family.
city	New York	I've always wanted to visit New York City.
drink	Coffee	I like to drink coffee in the morning.
game	Monopoly	We played Monopoly for hours last night.
mountain	Mount Everest	Climbing Mount Everest is a big accomplishment.
fruit	Banana	I ate a banana for breakfast this morning.
school	Lincoln Elementary	I go to Lincoln Elementary School.
book	Charlotte's Web	Charlotte's Web is a classic children's book.
job shop	Doctor Grocery	My dad is a doctor. The Grocery store is outside
country	Japan	I want to visit Japan someday.
sport	Basketball	I played basketball after school with my friends.
building	Empire State Building	We went to the top of the Empire State Building to see the view.
animal	Lion	The lion at the zoo was roaring loudly.
month	December	December is my favorite month because of Christmas.
food	Spaghetti	My mom makes the best spaghetti.
river	Amazon	The Amazon River is in South America.
movie	Frozen	I watched Frozen with my little sister.
planet	Jupiter	Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system.
girl	Olivia	Olivia is in my class at school.
car	Honda Civic	My mom drives a Honda Civic.
store	Target	We went to Target to buy new clothes.
tree	Maple englishsyllabus.com	The maple tree in my backyard has beautiful leaves in the fall.
book	The Cat in the Hat	I love reading The Cat in the Hat.
sport	Football	I like watching football games on TV.