

## Lesson 1

## Common and Proper Nouns

## Keep in mind children:

- A common noun does not start with **capital letter**.
- All proper nouns start with **capital letter**.

## Let's Practice

1. Underline the common nouns and circle the proper nouns in the sentences below .

a. This guitar has nine strings. It belongs to Mr. Mendez.

**Common noun-** guitar

**Proper noun** – Mr. Mendez

b. I know Pubali. She is a nice girl.

**Common noun-** girl

**Proper noun-** Pubali

c. My pet birds are singing. Their names are Chirpy and Burpy.

**Common noun-** birds

**Proper noun-** Chirpy and Burpy

d. This cake is very good. My aunt bought it from the Cake House.

**Common noun-** cake

**Proper noun-** Cake House

e. Raj is watering the plants.

**Common noun-** plants

**Proper noun-** raj

f. We are waiting for Manoj. He is our friend.

**Common noun-** friend

**Proper noun-** Manoj

g. Rita, have you met my cousin, Tom?

**Common noun-** cousin

**Proper noun-** Rita, Tom

2. Rewrite the following sentences capitalizing the proper nouns.

a. Have you seen the taj mahal? It's in Agra.

- Have you seen the Taj Mahal? It's in Agra.

- b. There is a lake beside my house. The name of the lake is Lily lake.
- There is a lake beside my house. The name of the lake is Lily lake.
- c. My pet dog, Bruno, loves to play with birds.
- My pet dog, Bruno, loves to play with birds.
- d. I have two sisters- Ameena and Sabina.
- I have two sisters- Ameena and Sabina.
- e. Everyone loves Gurpreet because he is very well-mannered.
- Everyone loves Gurpreet because he is very well-mannered.

**3. In some of the sentences below, capital letters have been used wrongly. Put a tick ( ✓ ) against the correct sentences. Put a cross (x) against the incorrect sentences and rewrite them using capital letters correctly.**

- a. My cousins, Ritu and Deepak, will come to visit me. (x)  
**Correct Sentence:** My cousins, Ritu and Deepak, will come to visit me.
- b. New Delhi is the Capital of India. (x)  
**Correct sentence:** New Delhi is the capital of India.
- c. The President of India lives in New Delhi. ( ✓ )
- d. I have a pet Dog, called Scamper. (x)  
**Correct sentence:** I have a pet dog, called Scamper.
- e. Mr. and Mrs. Iyer are travelling to Chennai. (x)  
**Correct sentence:** Mr. and Mrs. Iyer are travelling to Chennai.