

Common and Proper Nouns

A **proper noun** begins with a capital letter and names a particular person, place, or thing. A **common noun** names any one member of a group of people, places, or things.

<u>PROPER NOUN</u>	<u>Common noun</u>
Javier Mendez	teacher
Abraham Lincoln	president
San Francisco	city
Delaware	state
Atlantic Ocean	ocean
Toliver's Secret	book

Which of these words is the proper noun?

- A. street
- B. road
- C. Madison Avenue

Classwork - Exercise 1

Directions: Tell whether each word is a common noun or a proper noun.

- 1.athlete
- 2.Sweeden
- 3.holiday
- 4.The Incredibles
- 5.lake
- 6.Vermont
- 7.song
- 8.poet

Classwork - Exercise 2

Directions: Replace the underlined common noun with a proper noun.

1. The girl is an author.
- 2.Emma lives in a city.
- 3.The author studied a language and wrote many stories about immigrants.
- 4.These new citizens came from another country.
- 5.They had to sail across the water to get here.