

WHAT IS A NOUN?

Every word in a sentence has a job to do.

Nouns

Nouns are sometimes called 'naming words'.

A noun is a person, a place or a thing.

person



nurse

place



playground

thing



laptop

How to test if a word is a noun: see if it fits in a sentence after the word 'a' or 'the'.

For example: I can see a cat.

The word 'cat' is a noun.

I can see the boy.

The word 'boy' is a noun.

Write your own nouns in the gaps: I have a I want a

Exercise 1

Circle the one noun in each group:

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|----|-------|--------|------------|------|
| a) | have | mouse | write | buy |
| b) | after | always | television | sad |
| c) | for | nice | wrong | shop |

Check that the nouns all fit into this sentence: I can see a

Exercise 2

Look at the list of nouns below.

| | | person | place | thing |
|---|----------|--------|-------|-------|
| | book | | | ✓ |
| a | mother | | | |
| b | bird | | | |
| c | town | | | |
| d | hospital | | | |
| e | water | | | |
| f | school | | | |
| g | car | | | |
| h | pillow | | | |
| i | teacher | | | |
| j | child | | | |

Put one tick (✓) in each row to show if the noun is a person, a place or a thing.

Sometimes you might think it could be two – but that's OK.

For example, is 'a tent' a place or a thing? It could be either – but it is a noun!

Exercise 3

Write your own nouns. Write **one noun** in each box.

Things I like on my pizza:

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Exercise 4

Draw lines and label five **nouns** that you can see in this kitchen:

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