



Beginner **Kinds of Nouns**

Common Nouns

A common noun is a name which is used for all things of the same kind or class.

Example: The name boy may be given to any and every boy such as to Mark, Dexter. It does not belong especially to one particular boy. It is common name to all boys. The name boy is therefore called a common noun.

Other examples of common nouns

child, man, girl, cousin, teacher, friend, school, sea, river, town

Proper Nouns

A proper noun is the name of one particular person or thing.

Example: Sakura is a girl's own special name. It does not belong to all girls. The word "proper" means one's own. So the name Sakura is called a proper noun. The name city is a common noun but the name "Tokyo" which is special name of the city is a proper noun. A proper noun begins with a capital letter.

Common and proper nouns are sometimes called **Concrete nouns**. A concrete noun is the name of any material object that has the qualities that can be seen, touched, smelled, tasted like candy, box, stone, fruit, etc.

Intermediate
Kinds of Nouns

Common Nouns (Names that belongs to all)	Proper Nouns (Special Names)
woman	Tamiya
man	Dr. Toyoda Torahiko
country	Korea
month	April
language	English
holiday	Summer vacation
nationality	Canadian
day	Monday
street	Paris St.
ocean	Pacific Ocean
bank	National Bank
island	San Miguel Island
uncle	Uncle Sam