



## 1 - 2. Parts of Speech: Nouns

- a. John is a teacher.  
b. My mother talked to my brother on the telephone.

1. What are the two **nouns** in sentence **a**? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
2. What are the three **nouns** in sentence **b**? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
3. What are the **three kinds of nouns**?  
a. pe\_\_\_\_\_ b. pl\_\_\_\_\_ c. th\_\_\_\_\_

### Exercise 1: What Kind of Noun is It?

What kind of nouns are these? Write *p* for person, *pl* for place and *th* for thing.

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|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. _____ child    | 8. _____ parents        | 15. _____ dentist       |
| 2. _____ office   | 9. _____ monkey         | 16. _____ locker        |
| 3. _____ teacher  | 10. _____ Nile River    | 17. _____ swimming pool |
| 4. _____ money    | 11. _____ soccer player | 18. _____ hour          |
| 5. _____ keyboard | 12. _____ basketball    | 19. _____ Switzerland   |
| 6. _____ country  | 13. _____ uncle         | 20. _____ family        |
| 7. _____ watch    | 14. _____ cafeteria     |                         |

### Exercise 2: Find the Nouns

Highlight the nouns in the following sentences.

1. Our clubhouse is a storage room in the basement of our apartment building.
2. He'd have to sit next to my weird younger sister Emily in the backseat of the minivan.
3. I imagined the punishment that would come down on me if my dad saw that mess.
4. We sat in my room discussing the problem, and we all came up with the same answer.
5. With his bushy mustache and strong, hairy arms, he looked like a grizzly bear in a red sweatsuit.
6. When it's my dad's day to walk us to school, he always brings Cheerio along for the exercise.
7. My best friend, Frankie Townsend, looked at me like my brain had just flopped out of my head and turned into mashed potatoes.
8. Frankie climbed in the backseat next to Robert and wedged himself as close as he could to the window.
9. When we walked into my apartment, my dad and Emily were crawling around the floor on their hands and knees.



10. We got up early the next morning, had some breakfast, and then loaded into the minivan for the ride back to the city.<sup>1</sup>

**Los Angeles is the largest city in California.**

1. What are the three nouns in this sentence?  
 a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_
2. How do you know **Los Angeles** and **California** are nouns? They are c \_\_\_\_\_.

**My friends and I love Thai food.**

3. Is **Thai** a noun? yes      no
4. What is the noun form of **Thai**? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What kind of noun is **Thailand**? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Are all capitalized words nouns? yes      no
7. Is **my** a noun? yes      no
8. Why is it capitalized? Because it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sentence.

**I bought a book. I put the book on the table.**

9. What are the two nouns in this sentence? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
10. What words tell you **book** and **table** are nouns? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
11. Is the **next word** that comes after **a** and **the** always a noun? yes      no

**My advisor thinks I should take this class next year.**

12. What are the three nouns in this sentence?  
 a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_
13. What word tells you that **advisor** is a noun? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What are the other words like **my** that are only used with nouns?  
 a. my      b. \_\_\_\_\_      c. \_\_\_\_\_      d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. \_\_\_\_\_      f. \_\_\_\_\_      g. \_\_\_\_\_
15. What word tells you that **class** is a noun? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What are the other words like **this** that are usually used with nouns?  
 a. this      b. \_\_\_\_\_      c. \_\_\_\_\_      d. \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>Taken from *The Day of the Iguana* by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver.



**Students must wear uniforms to school.**

17. What are the three nouns in this sentence? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
18. How do you know **students** and **uniforms** are nouns? They end with \_\_\_\_.
19. Are **all** words that end with **~s** nouns? yes no
20. Which word means **only one**? singular plural
21. Which word means **more than one**? singular plural

**We ordered three large pizzas and some chocolate cupcakes for the last class.**

22. What are the three **noun phrases** in this sentence?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
23. Is the very next word after **a** or **the** always a noun? yes no
24. Is the **last word** in a **noun phrase** always a **noun**? yes no

### **Exercise 3: Find the Nouns**

**Highlight the nouns in the following sentences.**

1. Also, his skill as a horseman made him a legendary messenger for the rebels.
2. Other protests included boycotts of goods from Britain, such as clothes and tea.
3. Mobs threw stamped documents on bonfires and hurled rocks and bricks at British officials.
4. Dressed in bright red coats, the troops were to patrol the streets, put down protests, and protect loyalists.
5. Parliament, the governing body which made laws in Great Britain, had no members from the colonies.
6. The men carried axes and hatchets and wore wool blankets and maybe feathers from goose quills.
7. America's victory had ended taxation by the British, but now America had to impose taxes on itself.
8. Along the shoreline were wharves and shipyards to service all the cargo ships that sailed in and out of the harbor.
9. In October, newspapers reported that ships from England bearing tea were sailing straight for Boston Harbor.
10. Each colony acted almost like a separate country, and even though the colonies belonged to England, they made their own local laws.



11. The “Indians” were gambling that the large crowd onshore would protect them, that the British wouldn’t risk killing so many innocent bystanders.
12. Taxes were needed to pay off the costs of the war, then to set up a new national government and military force.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Exercise 4: Chunky Language**

**Divide the sentences into chunks, or groups of words (phrases and clauses).**

1. Our clubhouse is a storage room in the basement of our apartment building.
2. Frankie’s mom and dad said if he straightened up his room he could go.
3. He’d have to sit next to my weird younger sister Emily in the backseat of the minivan.
4. Frankie was chewing on his bottom lip, like he does when he’s got a hard decision to make.
5. I have a chart in my room that says what all my assignments are and when they’re due.
6. I glanced at Ashley and Frankie, and their eyes were rolling into the back of their heads.
7. When you argue with someone who is a crossword puzzle nut, they pull out their facts at the drop of a hat.
8. Robert jumped up and shook his bony butt in a victory dance, which is something I hope you never have to see.
9. His red clown nose, which was attached by a rubber band, was sitting on his forehead so he could blow into the balloons.
10. She reached into the tree to pick her up, and Katherine hissed at her like she was a rattlesnake with gas.
11. She pulled a piece of zucchini from the lasagna and handed it to Katherine, who was sitting on her shoulder looking particularly ugly.
12. As soon as the bell rang, she took off the silver key she wears on a lanyard around her neck and unlocked her desk drawer.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Taken from *What was the Boston Tea Party?* by Kathleen Krull.

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