Name That Noun

Sort the bold nouns in each sentence.

2.W.7.a "Nouns/Pronouns – Using sentences that include common, proper, possessive, and collective nouns, irregular plural nouns, and personal and possessive pronouns."

NAME _____ DATE _____

COMMON NOUN

A common noun names a person, place, animal, or thing in a general way.

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PROPER NOUN

A proper noun names a particular person, place, or day. It begins with a capital letter.

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1 SORT

8 items

Circle COMMON or PROPER for each bold noun, then choose two items and write how you knew.

1. I saw a **rabbit**. COMMON PROPER
2. The **river** is wide. COMMON PROPER
3. **Maya** runs fast. COMMON PROPER
4. A **teacher** waved. COMMON PROPER
5. **Friday** is here. COMMON PROPER
6. **Denver** is far away. COMMON PROPER
7. My **backpack** is blue. COMMON PROPER
8. That **tree** is tall. COMMON PROPER

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with a common noun and one new sentence with a proper noun.

COMMON _____

PROPER _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both kinds of nouns, then name the common noun and the proper noun you used.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	I saw a **rabbit**.	**COMMON**	Rabbit names an animal in a general way.
2	The **river** is wide.	**COMMON**	River names a place in a general way.
3	**Maya** runs fast.	**PROPER**	Maya is a particular person's name.
4	A **teacher** waved.	**COMMON**	Teacher names a person in a general way.
5	**Friday** is here.	**PROPER**	Friday is the name of a day.
6	**Denver** is far away.	**PROPER**	Denver is the name of a particular place.
7	My **backpack** is blue.	**COMMON**	Backpack names a thing in a general way.
8	That **tree** is tall.	**COMMON**	Tree names a thing in a general way.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **COMMON**: The lamp shines.
- **PROPER**: Tara smiles.

Challenge: Omar fed the goat. Common noun: goat. Proper noun: Omar.

For Part 2, accept explanations that tell whether each chosen noun names something in a general way or gives a particular name. Check that the new examples in Part 3 are sentences.