Noun Name Hunt

Sort nouns, explain how you know two, then write your own.

2.5.R.2 "Students will recognize parts of speech in sentences: • common, proper, and irregular plural nouns • tenses of verbs (i.e., past, present..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

COMMON NOUN

A common noun names a person, place, or thing without giving its special name.

That **kitten** purrs.

PROPER NOUN

A proper noun gives the special name of a person, place, or thing. It starts with a capital letter.

Travel to **Oregon** soon.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence and circle COMMON or PROPER for the bold noun.

1. The **pilot** waves. COMMON PROPER
2. We saw **Priya** dance. COMMON PROPER
3. Our class toured **Denver**. COMMON PROPER
4. His **backpack** fell. COMMON PROPER
5. A **river** flows nearby. COMMON PROPER
6. Her **brother** sings. COMMON PROPER
7. They cheered for **Jamal**. COMMON PROPER
8. One **carrot** rolled away. 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 sentence with a common noun and one sentence with a proper noun. Underline the noun in each sentence.

COMMON _____

PROPER _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both kinds of nouns. Underline each noun and label it common or proper.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The **pilot** waves.	**COMMON**	Pilot names a kind of person, not one person by name.
2	We saw **Priya** dance.	**PROPER**	Priya is a person's name.
3	Our class toured **Denver**.	**PROPER**	Denver is the name of a city.
4	His **backpack** fell.	**COMMON**	Backpack names a kind of thing.
5	A **river** flows nearby.	**COMMON**	River names a kind of place, not one river by name.
6	Her **brother** sings.	**COMMON**	Brother names a kind of person, not one person by name.
7	They cheered for **Jamal**.	**PROPER**	Jamal is a person's name.
8	One **carrot** rolled away.	**COMMON**	Carrot names a kind of thing.

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 dog barked.
- **PROPER**: I met Maya.

Challenge: The teacher greeted Rosa. teacher: common; Rosa: proper.

For Part 2, accept any two numbered items with explanations that match the noun types. For example, pilot names a kind of person, while Priya names one particular person.