Noun Name Hunt

Sort everyday nouns and special names.

2.L.1.a "Use common, proper, possessive and collective nouns."

NAME _____ DATE _____

COMMON NOUN

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

river

PROPER NOUN

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

Zara

1 SORT

8 items

Circle COMMON or PROPER for each numbered noun, then pick two nouns and write how you knew where each belongs.

1. puppy — COMMON PROPER

2. library — COMMON PROPER

3. Ava — COMMON PROPER

4. city — COMMON PROPER

5. Texas — COMMON PROPER

6. Monday — COMMON PROPER

7. friend — COMMON PROPER

8. garden — 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 common noun and one new proper noun that are not on this page.

COMMON _____

PROPER _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using both of your new nouns, and underline the proper noun.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	puppy	**COMMON**	Names any puppy, not a specific puppy.
2	library	**COMMON**	Names a kind of place, not a specific library.
3	Ava	**PROPER**	A person's name.
4	city	**COMMON**	Names a kind of place, not a specific city.
5	Texas	**PROPER**	The name of a state.
6	Monday	**PROPER**	The name of a day of the week.
7	friend	**COMMON**	Names a person without giving their name.
8	garden	**COMMON**	Names a kind of place, not a specific garden.

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**: balloon
- **PROPER**: Nora

Challenge: Nora carried a balloon.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify a general noun or a special name. For example, puppy can mean any puppy, while Ava is a person's name.