

Name It Right

Sort general names and special names.

4.11.D.iii "singular, plural, common, and proper nouns;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

COMMON NOUN

A common noun names any person, place, thing, or idea. It usually does not begin with a capital letter.

river

PROPER NOUN

A proper noun names a special person, place, thing, or idea. It begins with a capital letter.

Lake Erie

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle COMMON or PROPER for each noun, then for Part 2, choose two items and explain how you knew where each one belongs.

1. teacher

COMMON

PROPER

2. Marcus

COMMON

PROPER

3. Mount Fuji

COMMON

PROPER

4. playground

COMMON

PROPER

5. kittens

COMMON

PROPER

6. July

COMMON

PROPER

7. bicycles

COMMON

PROPER

8. library

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.

COMMON _____

PROPER _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with a common noun and a proper noun. Capitalize the proper noun.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	teacher	COMMON	It names any teacher, not one specific teacher.
2	Marcus	PROPER	It names one specific person and begins with a capital letter.
3	Mount Fuji	PROPER	It names one specific mountain and begins with capital letters.
4	playground	COMMON	It names any playground, not one specific playground.
5	kittens	COMMON	It names any kittens, not specific kittens.
6	July	PROPER	It is the name of a specific month and begins with a capital letter.
7	bicycles	COMMON	It names any bicycles, not specific bicycles.
8	library	COMMON	It names any library, not one specific library.

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:** garden
- **PROPER:** Chicago

Challenge: Maya read a book.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Part 2 responses should explain that common nouns name general people, places, or things, while proper nouns name specific ones and use capital letters. Accept different correct examples in Part 3 and the challenge.