

## IV. Lesson : The Noun

### 1. Introduction What is a noun?

A noun is a word that names something.

#### **A noun names:**

a person,  
an animal,  
a place,  
or a thing.

A noun is a name. It names a person, animal, place, or thing.

Examples

**Persons** : teacher, student, sister, doctor, man, woman

**Animals** : cat, dog, cow, lion, bird

**Places** : school, home, city, street, Algeria

**Things**: book, pen, phone, table, bag

Nouns help us speak about the world.

### 3. Noun or not a noun.

chair →  
sleep →  
doctor →  
green →  
Oran →  
jump →  
table →

### 4. Different Types of Nouns

#### 4.1 Count Nouns

Some nouns we can count. We can say :

one student, two students

one book, many books

These are count nouns.

More examples

apple → apples

car → cars

desk → desks

When we can say one, two, three, it is a count noun.

## 4.2 Non-count Nouns

Some nouns we cannot count.

We cannot say one water or two waters.

We say just water.

Examples

water

milk

rice

bread

sugar

money

information

We don't add -s. They stay the same.

## 5. Singular and Plural Nouns

**Singular** = one

one pen

one girl

one chair

**Plural** = more than one

two pens

three girls

many chairs

### Rules for forming plurals

1. Most nouns : add -s

book → books

pen → pens

2. Nouns ending in -s, -ch, -sh, -x : add -es

bus → buses

watch → watches  
dish → dishes  
box → boxes

### **3. Nouns ending in consonant + y : change y → ies**

baby → babies  
city → cities

### **4. Important irregular plurals**

man → men  
woman → women  
child → children  
person → people  
foot → feet  
tooth → teeth

### **6. Proper vs. Common Nouns**

#### **Common nouns (General names) :**

city  
boy  
country  
teacher

#### **Proper nouns (Special names) :**

Algiers  
Adam  
Algeria  
Ramadan

Proper nouns always start with a capital letter: A, B, C...

### **7. Concrete vs. Abstract Nouns**

**A concrete noun is something you can see or touch**  
book, car, cat, phone.

**An abstract noun is something you cannot touch**  
love, happiness, time, peace.

### **8. Practice**

### Activity 1 : Identify the nouns

Find the nouns in these sentences

1. The teacher has a book.
2. My sister lives in Algiers.
3. The students drink water.
4. I like music.
5. The dog is under the table.

### Activity 2 : Singular or plural? Count or non-count ?

Word Singular/Plural Count/Non-count

rice  
cars  
house  
bread  
students

### Activity 3: Make the plural form

box  
dish  
baby  
man  
child  
book  
techer

### Activity 4 : Complete with the correct noun

1. I drink \_\_\_\_\_ every morning. (water / chair)
2. My \_\_\_\_\_ is in the classroom. (bag / rice)
3. Two \_\_\_\_\_ are playing football. (boys / milk)
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ is very big. (city / eat)

### 9. Communicative Activity

Tell me the name of three things in your room.  
Tell me the name of three things in the street.  
Tell me the name of three things at the university.  
Tell me the name of three things at the lecture Hall.  
Tell me the name of three things you like.