

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.