

# Common and Proper Nouns

2nd Grade

Which nouns get a capital letter, and which never do.

## COMMON NOUN

- Any one of a kind of thing
- Small letter, always
- boy, city, day, dog
- "a boy", "the city"
- There are millions of them

## PROPER NOUN

- One particular person, place or thing
- Capital letter, always
- Sam, London, Tuesday, Rex
- "Sam", not "a Sam"
- It names one specific one

### THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

If you could put 'a' or 'the' in front and it still makes sense, it is common. Names do not take 'a'.

Days, months, countries and languages are all proper nouns. Seasons are not.