

Common and Proper Nouns

A **common noun** names any person, place, or thing. A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, or thing. Proper nouns begin with capital letters.

Common Nouns These birds live in cold places.

Proper Nouns It is cold in Antarctica in July.

Capitalize each important word in a proper noun: Fourth of July.
The names of days, months, and holidays are proper nouns. They begin with capital letters.

Directions Write *C* if the underlined noun is a common noun. Write *P* if the underlined noun is a proper noun.

1. Penguins have black and white feathers. _____
2. Some penguins live in zoos in the United States. _____
3. Penguins have webbed feet. _____
4. New Zealand has many penguins. _____
5. This penguin hatched in July. _____

Directions Underline the common nouns and circle the proper nouns in the sentences.

6. Penguins eat fish from the water.
7. There is much food in the Pacific Ocean.
8. Australia has many penguins.
9. Seals and whales also live in Antarctica.
10. Are there penguins at the zoo in Washington?