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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 You can see penguins at some zoos.

Proper Nouns In May, Jen saw a penguin from Africa.

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. There are not many emperor penguins in our country. C
2. A sea park in San Diego has an emperor penguin. P
3. In a zoo in Scotland, penguins stroll around the park each day. P
4. Many people love these unusual animals. C
5. Whales and penguins are popular sea park attractions. C

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

6. Seals and penguins like the cold Atlantic Ocean.
7. Other animals like cold weather too.
8. Will you find bears near the North Pole?
9. Foxes and hares live in Canada.
10. Which bears live in Alaska?



Home Activity Your child learned about common and proper nouns. Have your child write the names of friends and family members and explain why the names are proper nouns.