

KS3 English Quiz - Nouns (Abstract) 01 (Questions)

In English, an abstract noun is often a quality or attitude. "Happiness" is an example of an abstract noun that is a quality. "Careless" is an example of an abstract noun that is an attitude.

One general way that you can tell the difference between the abstract and the concrete, is that you cannot touch something which is abstract. "Concrete", like the building material of the same name, is, by definition, something you can touch. This is not an altogether satisfactory definition however. What about music? You can't really touch music, can you? If it is very loud, or has a strong bass line or percussion, you might feel the sound waves, however. And you can certainly hear music. So "music" is not an abstract noun. It would be more accurate to say that abstract nouns cannot be experienced through the senses. "Smile" and "hug" are concrete nouns, but "love" and "friendship" are abstract nouns.

See how much you have remembered from your lessons about abstract nouns by playing this quiz on the subject

1. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

Jane thanked John for his

- bag
- book
- kindness
- pencil

2. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

Working together needs

- co-operation
- eggs
- money
- people

3. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

It was always his to become a musician.

- ambition
- job
- study
- work

4. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

She offered him of her help at the concert.

- lists
- programmes
- reassurance
- schedules

5. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

The lifeguard was praised for his in saving lives.

- article
- bravery
- catalogue
- report

6. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

The between the two countries lasted for centuries.

- friendship
- inhabitants
- land
- people

7. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

The king's was known all over the world.

- kingdom
- land
- money
- wisdom

8. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

He did not care about his studies - his was obvious.

- book
- grade
- indifference
- writing

9. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

Keep going, keep trying, your will get you results.

- book
- game
- map
- perseverance

10. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

Don't lose your temper and shout! is a virtue.

- Patience
- Viola
- Violin
- Voice

KS3 English Quiz - Nouns (Abstract) 01 (Answers)

1. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

Jane thanked John for his

- bag
- book
- kindness
- pencil

"Kindness" is a quality and is therefore an abstract noun

2. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

Working together needs

- co-operation
- eggs
- money
- people

With nouns you can put "the" or "a" in front of them and the same is true of abstract nouns, but remember that you cannot touch an abstract noun. You could touch money, eggs and people, but not co-operation

3. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

It was always his to become a musician.

- ambition
- job
- study
- work

"Ambition" is abstract, meaning that it cannot be seen directly, or experienced with the senses

4. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

She offered him of her help at the concert.

- lists
- programmes
- reassurance
- schedules

Remember that you cannot touch an abstract noun. In the above answers there are three things you could touch and one (reassurance) that you could not touch and it is this latter that is the abstract noun

5. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

The lifeguard was praised for his in saving lives.

- article
- bravery
- catalogue
- report

"Bravery" is an abstract concept

6. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

The between the two countries lasted for centuries.

- friendship
- inhabitants
- land
- people

"Friendship" is an abstract concept

7. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

The king's was known all over the world.

- kingdom
- land
- money
- wisdom

Wisdom is a quality and is therefore an abstract noun

8. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

He did not care about his studies - his was obvious.

- book
- grade
- indifference
- writing

Indifference is an attitude and is therefore an abstract noun

9. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

Keep going, keep trying, your will get you results.

- book
- game
- map
- perseverance

To persevere means to keep trying

10. Select the abstract noun to complete the following sentence.

Don't lose your temper and shout! is a virtue.

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"Patience" cannot be experienced by the senses. Instead you might use evidence to deduce that someone is patient