

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

Proper nouns denote a particular person, place or organisation and usually begin with a capital letter. You almost certainly come across many proper nouns every day. Your name, for instance, is a proper noun. The street you live on is a proper noun. The village, town or city where you live is a proper noun. The country you live in is a proper noun. The school you go to is named a proper noun. Your friends' names are proper nouns you get the picture, right?

Why does it matter to be able to spot a proper noun? In English, these nouns are always capitalised, whereas other nouns are not (unlike in German, where all nouns are capitalised). Have you ever noticed when scanning a text that your eyes are drawn to the capitalised words? We associate these with important information. If you need to quickly answer who, when, and where, then those answers are likely to be proper nouns: Nasreen, Tuesday, June, Oxford Road, Manchester, for instance, or Jack, Barcelona, August, perhaps! Keep an eye out for those proper nouns!

To practise your knowledge of nouns, there are six other quizzes about nouns to play.

1. **Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.**
Cars and lorries roar through the streets of London.
 Cars
 London
 lorries
 streets

2. **Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.**
James put the pen and book on a table by a window.
 book
 James
 pen
 table

3. **Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.**
The Earth, Mars, Venus and Mercury are all planets.
 Earth, Mars, Venus, Mercury
 Earth, Mars, Venus, planets
 Earth, Venus, Mercury, planets
 Mars, Venus, Mercury, planets

4. **Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.**
The ball bounced off a bat onto a table and hit Tom.
 ball
 bat
 table
 Tom

5. **Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.**
On a map, Asia and Europe are adjoining continents.
 Asia, Europe
 Europe, continents
 map, continents
 map, Europe

6. **Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.**
Mrs Rose has a ticket for the Royal Hall next week.
 Mrs Rose, Royal Hall
 Mrs Rose, ticket
 Royal Hall, week
 ticket, week

7. **Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.**
The driver of the train is Mr Hill; he has eight children.
 children
 driver
 Mr Hill
 train

8. **Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.**
The book's title is "Tennis" and the author is Jim Brown.
 book's, Jim, Brown
 book's, title, Jim
 Tennis, Jim, Brown
 title, Tennis, Jim

9. **Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.**
Alton is near the cities of Guildford and Winchester.
 Alton, cities, Guildford
 Alton, cities, Winchester
 Alton, near, Winchester
 Alton, Guildford, Winchester

10. **Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.**
The train stops in London, then in Bath and Bristol.
 London, Bath, Bristol
 train, Bath, Bristol
 train, London, Bath
 train, London, Bristol

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Cars and lorries roar through the streets of London.

- Cars
- London
- lorries
- streets

London is a place and is a proper noun

2. Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.
James put the pen and book on a table by a window.

- book
- James
- pen
- table

James is a name, has a capital letter and is a proper noun

3. Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.
The Earth, Mars, Venus and Mercury are all planets.

- Earth, Mars, Venus, Mercury
- Earth, Mars, Venus, planets
- Earth, Venus, Mercury, planets
- Mars, Venus, Mercury, planets

Names of places, even planets, are proper nouns

4. Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.
The ball bounced off a bat onto a table and hit Tom.

- ball
- bat
- table
- Tom

A capital letter is a good clue that you've found a proper noun (except at the beginnings of sentences, which always start with capital letters...)

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On a map, Asia and Europe are adjoining continents.

- Asia, Europe
- Europe, continents
- map, continents
- map, Europe

Europe and Asia are the names of places

6. Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.
Mrs Rose has a ticket for the Royal Hall next week.

- Mrs Rose, Royal Hall
- Mrs Rose, ticket
- Royal Hall, week
- ticket, week

Use capital letters for people and places. Mrs and Rose are the two parts of a name, just as Royal and Hall

7. Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.
The driver of the train is Mr Hill; he has eight children.

- children
- driver
- Mr Hill
- train

Mr and Hill are the two parts of a name; both should be capitalised

8. Choose the proper noun(s) from the following sentence.
The book's title is "Tennis" and the author is Jim Brown.

- book's, Jim, Brown
- book's, title, Jim
- Tennis, Jim, Brown
- title, Tennis, Jim

Book, film and song titles are proper nouns

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Alton is near the cities of Guildford and Winchester.

- Alton, cities, Guildford
- Alton, cities, Winchester
- Alton, near, Winchester
- Alton, Guildford, Winchester

All three are places and so are proper nouns

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- London, Bath, Bristol
- train, Bath, Bristol
- train, London, Bath
- train, London, Bristol

Names of cities and towns are proper nouns