



Abstract Nouns Answers

You know that nouns are persons, places, and things. Most of these nouns—like the tree in your front yard, your dog, or your Aunt Betty—can be seen, touched, heard, tasted or smelled. These are called concrete nouns. But there are many things that you can't see, touch, smell, hear or taste, like love and happiness. These are called abstract nouns.

Directions: Write two sentences with at least ten words in each, using one concrete and one abstract noun.

Students' answers may vary.

1. I walked back to my house thinking about my team's loss.

2. The dog jumped up and down in joy when it got to the park.

Now pick two of the abstract nouns you used. Describe each as if it were a physical object or a person.

Questions to ask yourself: If your abstract noun were a taste, what would it be? What smell would it be? What would it look like? What would it sound like?

1. Loss is like a boy standing all cold and wet in the rain with his hands in his pockets.

2. Joy is the happy sound of a guitar and a warm spot of sunshine.