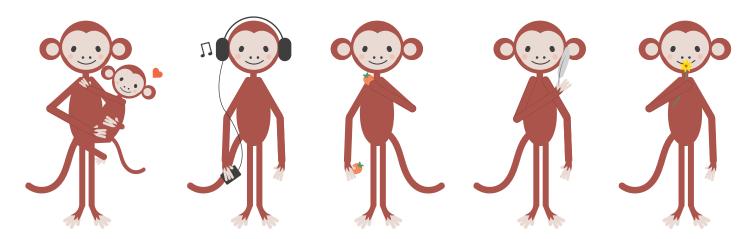
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Finding Nouns You Can't See, Hear, Taste, Touch, or Smell



You know that nouns name people, places, and things. Most of these nouns — like a tree in the park, a dog, your favorite song, a piece of fruit, or a flower — can be seen, heard, tasted, touched, or smelled. These are called **concrete nouns**. But there are many things that you can't detect with your senses, such as beauty or trouble. These are called **abstract nouns**.

Read the sentences below, and consider each underlined noun carefully. Is it something you can see, hear, taste, touch, or smell? If not, it is an abstract noun. Circle all of the abstract nouns that you find.

- 1. The monkeys at the sanctuary have a lot of curiosity
- 2. The kids laugh at the playfulness of the little monkeys.
- 3. The monkeys laugh at the silliness of the kids.
- **4.** The monkeys like to show off their intelligence to the onlookers.
- 5. The monkeys show their happiness with big smiles for everyone.
- 6. The keepers make sure the monkeys have a life filled with love and happiness
- 7. The monkeys show each other affection by sharing their bananas.
- 8. The children point at the monkeys with great excitement and the monkeys wave back with equal enthusiasm.
- 9. The monkeys swing around the habitat with no fear or doubt
- 10. The older monkeys share their wisdom with the babies with great tenderness

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What is an abstract noun?
It's a noun that you can't see, hear, taste, touch, or smell, like thoughtfulness or bravery.

Circle the abstract nouns in each row.

- 1. ball bat (trust) grass
- 2. puppies loyalty bananas monkey
- 3. kindness car bicycle skateboard
- **4.** knife fork plate hunger
- 5. bedroom blanket comfort pajamas

Can you find the abstract nouns in these sentences?

- 1. The monkeys at the zoo have a lot of curiosity
- 2. The kids laugh at the playfulness of the little monkeys.
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Can you fill in the blank with the correct abstract noun?

tenderness	humor	grace	excitement	generosity	
1. The monkeys swing from tree to tree with so much <u>grace</u>					
2. The kids gave the monkeys bananas, showing their <u>generosity</u>					
3. The monkeys showed their <u>humor</u> by smashing the bananas.					
4. Mommy monkey kisses baby monkey with great <u>tenderness</u> .					
5. The kids show	a lot of <u>exc</u>	itement	_when the monke	ys start to wave.	



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Use the word bank below to fill in the blanks with abstract nouns to complete the story.

boldness	daring	courage
mistake	fearlessness	excitement
adventur	e fun	kindness

One day five monkeys decided to take a walk in the forest. The afternoon was getting hot when they came upon a river. The gang decided it would be a great idea to go for a dip. They started swinging from the trees and diving into the cool water.

Lily, being the youngest, wanted to prove that she had just as much as the				
others, so she grabbed a branch and started swinging. She let go of the branch and went flying through				
the air. Lily looked down at the water and landed with a loud SMACK. Some of the older monkeys began				
to laugh at her painful belly flop.				
Lulu, the oldest of the bunch, went over to comfort Lily and to tell her that she had just as much				
boldness and daring as the older monkeys, and that she shouldn't worry				
because they had all belly flopped at one time or another. Lily appreciated Lulu's <u>kindness</u>				
and felt much better about her <u>mistake</u> .				
By now it was getting late and the monkeys decided it was time to head home. They walked back				
through the forest talking about their day. All the monkeys thought that they had showed great				
fearlessness and excitement at the river.				
They decided that they would meet again the next day and have another adventure. It had been a				
wonderful afternoon and the monkeys eagerly returned home to share their stories of <u>adventure</u>				

_____ with their families.

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

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