

What is a Common Noun?



A **common noun** is a person, place, thing, or idea. These types of nouns are not specific names of people, places, things, or ideas.

Example: The student was given an award at school for showing kindness.
person thing place idea

Directions: Read each sentence and find the nouns. Write them in the chart, and label each noun as a **person, place, thing, or idea**.

ANSWERS

1. My sister found a spider in the yard.

Common Nouns	Person, Place, Thing, Idea
sister	person
spider	thing
yard	place

2. The friend took a snack to school.

Common Nouns	Person, Place, Thing, Idea
friend	person
snack	thing
school	place

3. A storm came through our town.

Common Nouns	Person, Place, Thing, Idea
storm	thing
town	place

4. The puppy showed me love.

Common Nouns	Person, Place, Thing, Idea
puppy	thing
love	idea