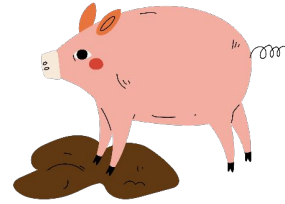


# Common and Proper Nouns

## What is a Common Noun?

A common noun names a type of person, animal, place, or thing. A common noun starts with a lowercase letter, unless it is the first word in a sentence.

The pig is hungry.

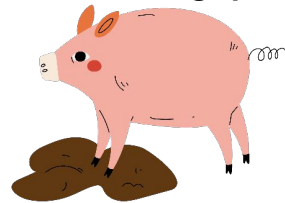


A **p**ig is a type of animal.

## What is a Proper Noun?

A proper noun is a special name for one person, animal, place, or thing. A proper noun always starts with a capital letter.

Ben is hungry.



**B**en is the name of one pig.

**common**  
farm



**proper**  
Milday Farm

**common**  
man



**proper**  
Fred

**common**  
shop



**proper**  
Meg's Groceries