Writing: Nouns

A noun names a person, place, or thing.

Examples: Persons — boy, girl, Mom, Dad  
Places — park, pool, house, office  
Things — bike, swing, desk, book

Directions: Read the following sentences.  
Underline the nouns. The first one has been done for you.

1. The girl went to school.
2. Grandma and Grandpa will visit us soon.
3. The bike is in the garage.
4. Dad went to his office.
5. Mom is at her desk in the den.
6. Xavier’s house is near the park.
7. Her brothers are at school.
8. We took the books to the library.

Directions: Read the following words. Underline the nouns. Then categorize the nouns on another sheet of paper into groups of people, places and things.

tree Mrs. Cohen Dad cards Grandma skip sell
house car truck Mom office grass sign
boy run Sam stove greet grade school
girl camp jump weave free driver room
salesperson sad teach treat stripe paint Sofia
clay man leave happy play desk tape
watch lives painter brother rain window hop
Writing: Common and Proper Nouns

Common nouns name general people, places, and things.

Examples: boy, girl, cat, dog, park, city, building

Proper nouns name specific persons, places, and things.

Examples: Ethan, Amina, Fluffy, Rover, Central Park, Chicago, Empire State Building

Proper nouns begin with capital letters.

Directions: Read the following nouns. On the blanks, indicate whether the nouns are common or proper. The first two have been done for you.

1. New York City
2. house
3. car
4. Ohio
5. river
6. Rocky Mountains
7. Mrs. Ali
8. nurse
9. Dr. DiCarlo
10. man
11. Rock River
12. building
13. lawyer
14. Grand Canyon
15. city
16. state

On another sheet of paper, write proper nouns for the above common nouns.

Directions: Read the following sentences. Underline the common nouns. Circle the proper nouns.

1. Ana's birthday is Friday, October 7.
2. She likes having her birthday in a fall month.
3. Her friends will meet her at the video arcade for a party.
4. Ms. McCarthy and Mr. Landry will help with the birthday party games.
5. Ana's friends will play video games all afternoon.
6. Gabby and Karim will bring refreshments and games to the party.
Proofreading

Directions: Proofread the paragraphs, using the proofreading marks you learned. There are seven capitalization errors, two missing words, and eleven errors in spelling or word usage.

Key West

key West has been tropical paradise ever since Ponce de Leon first saw the set of islands called the keys in 1513. Two famous streets in Key West are named duval and whitehead. You will find the city semetery on Francis Street. The tombstones are funny!

The message on one is, “I told you I was sick!” On sailor’s tombston is this mesage his widow: “At lease I no where to find him now.”

The cemetery is on 21 akres in the mide of town. The most famous home in key west is that of the authur, Ernest Hemingway. Heminway’s home was at 907 whitehead Street. He lived their for 30 years.
Proofreading

Directions: Read more about Key West. Proofread and correct the errors. There are eight errors in capitalization, eight misspelled words, and three missing words.

More About Key West

a good way to learn more about key West is to ride the trolley.
Key West has a great trolley system. The trolley will take on a tour of the salt ponds. You can also three red brick forts. The trolley tour goes by a 110-foot-high lighthouse. It is rite in the middle of the city.
Key west is the only city with a Lighthouse in the middle of it! It is also the southernmost city in the United States.

If you have time, the new Ship Wreck Museum. Key west was also the home of former president Harry truman. During his presidency, Trueman spent many vacations on key west.