

Grammar

Common nouns

Common nouns are names of ordinary things that we can see, hear, smell, taste or touch.

Examples: The flower is pretty.
She paints with a brush.
I like sweets and cake.

1. Underline the common nouns in the sentences below.
The first one has been done for you.

- a) Grass is green.
- b) The kittens are small.
- c) I open the gate.
- d) Chuma draws a picture.
- e) Lisa sits on the floor.
- f) My doll is my favourite toy.
- g) Tumi wears a hat in the sun.
- h) The dog sniffs the biscuits on the table.



2. Choose nouns from the list in the margin to complete these sentences.

- a) The _____ is round.
- b) _____ are yellow.
- c) The _____ rings loudly.
- d) We wear _____ at night.
- e) She laughs at the _____.
- f) The _____ jumps onto the _____.
- g) The learners perform in the _____.
- h) James walks with his _____ in the _____.

sister
fields
couch
joke
Sunflowers
pyjamas
doorbell
ball cat
school play

Singular and plural nouns

When there is only one of something we call it a **singular noun**.

Examples: car, tree, book

When there is more than one of something we call it a **plural noun**. We add -s to some nouns to make them plural.

Examples: cars, trees, books

Some plural nouns have other spelling rules. If a noun ends in -ch, -sh, -s or -x then we add -es to form the plural.

Examples: one watch → two watches

one wish → many wishes

When a noun ends with a vowel and -y then we add -s to form the plural.

Example: donkey → donkeys

1. Underline the singular nouns and circle the plural nouns in the sentences below.
 - a) My bedroom has two windows.
 - b) I watched the girl play with her cats in the garden.
 - c) Cakes, ice cream and chocolates are sweet.
 - d) We moved boxes, chairs and a table.
 - e) When the electricity is off, we use candles and matches.

2. Fill in the plural form of the noun in brackets.

- a) My puppy has three (spot) _____.
- b) My sister unpacks the (box) _____.
- c) People chop (branch) _____ with (ax) _____.
- d) The (truck) _____ picks up old (box) _____ on (Tuesday) _____.
- e) Mpho found two (match) _____, three (key) _____ and a few (coin) _____ in her pocket.



To form plural nouns, look at the way singular nouns end.