

## Common and Proper Nouns Worksheet

### Instructions:

In each question, one choice is correct. Pick the right one.

1. "My brother is coming to see me tomorrow". *Brother* is a:
  - ☐ Common Noun
  - ☐ Proper Noun
2. "I'm planning a trip to Paris next summer". *Paris* is a:
  - ☐ Common Noun
  - ☐ Proper Noun
3. "My favourite actor is Tom Hanks; his movies are always fantastic". Which is a common noun in this sentence?
  - ☐ favourite
  - ☐ actor
  - ☐ Tom Hanks
  - ☐ his
4. "Dogs are often referred to as man's best friend". *Dogs* is a proper noun because it is capitalised.
  - ☐ True
  - ☐ False
5. "My cousin, John, is coming to visit us this weekend". Which of these is a proper noun?
  - ☐ cousin
  - ☐ John
  - ☐ weekend
6. "I visited the Louvre museum in France and saw the famous painting, the Mona Lisa". This sentence is written correctly.
  - ☐ True
  - ☐ False
7. "The Irishman is my favourite movie on Netflix". This sentence has:
  - ☐ Two proper nouns and two common nouns
  - ☐ Two proper nouns and one common noun
  - ☐ One proper noun and two common nouns
8. The words 'north', 'south', 'east' and 'west' can be common or proper nouns, depending on how they are being used in a sentence.
  - ☐ True
  - ☐ False

9. Which sentence has nouns that are all proper?

- I met King Charles at Buckingham Palace.
- I met the king at the palace.
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- I met the king at Buckingham Palace.

10. "Football is a popular sport in England". This sentence has:

- Two proper nouns
- Two proper nouns and one common noun
- One proper noun and one common noun
- One proper noun and two common nouns

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## Answers:

1. Common Noun

*Common nouns are used to refer to general or unspecified entities.*

2. Proper Noun

*Proper nouns are specific names of people, places, things, or entities. They are always capitalised, regardless of their position in a sentence.*

3. actor

*The common nouns in this sentence are 'actor' and 'movies'. 'Tom Hanks' is a proper noun.*

4. False

*'Dogs' is a general noun. It is capitalised because it starts the sentence, not because it is a proper noun.*

5. John

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6. False

*It should be 'Louvre Museum'.*

7. Two proper nouns and one common noun

*The two proper nouns are 'The Irishman' and 'Netflix'. The common noun is 'movie'.*

8. True

*The cardinal directions (north, east, south, west) are common nouns in most cases. But they become proper when used with a cultural or political meaning or in the name of a specific location. For example, 'Head south ten miles before turning left' is a common noun. But 'The North and Midwest regions of the United States are suffering a heat wave this year' are proper nouns.*

9. I met King Charles at Buckingham Palace.

*'King Charles' and 'Buckingham Palace' are both proper nouns. All the other sentences have at least one common noun.*

10. One proper noun and two common nouns

*The one proper noun is 'England' and the two common nouns are 'Football' and 'sport'.*