Name _____

Common Nouns and Proper Nouns

A **common noun** names any person, place, or thing. It begins with a lowercase letter.

Examples:

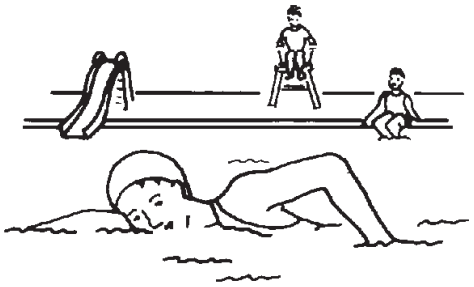
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A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, or thing. Each important word of a proper noun begins with a capital letter.

Examples:

Thomas Alva Edison Seattle July

DIRECTIONS **Read the paragraph below. Circle the common nouns. Underline the proper nouns.**



Maren wants to join the Kona Kai Swim Team, but she has a problem. She goes to Collins School on Miller Avenue. The school is three miles from the pool. That is too far for her to walk. Besides, she has to feed her dog after school. The Kona Express Bus goes only halfway to the pool. Her brother Leif has a car, but he works at the Burger Pit Restaurant until late in the evening. He can't drive her to practice.

DIRECTIONS **Think of a common noun and a proper noun. Write a sentence about each one on the lines below.**

(common noun) _____

(proper noun) _____

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Answer Key

Common nouns: problem, school, miles, pool, dog, school, pool, brother, car, evening, practice
Proper nouns: Maren, Kona Kai Swim Team, Collins School, Miller Avenue, Kona Express Bus, Leif, Burger Pit Restaurant
Sentences will vary.

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