

Nouns

Nouns are one of the 8 parts of speech.

The name noun is given to things like:

Living things (people, animals)

Objects (book ,pencil ,car, house, clock)

Places (New York, London, Spain, Brazil)

Qualities (honesty, bravery, kindness)

States (fright, panic, occurrence)

Ideas and thoughts (idea, belief, thought, conclusion)

Groupings

Proper nouns – names of individual entities eg: Sun, Moon, Germany, Peter.

Common nouns- classes of things such as: a book a cat, a chair, a car, a house.

Countable & Uncountable nouns – Things we can count such as: balls, chairs, cups, rooms.

Things we cannot count eg: water, oil, information, traffic, news, furniture.

Collective nouns- A group of things such as : a herd (of cows) a collection(of CD's) a pride(of lions).

Concrete nouns- Things we can feel, see, touch etc, glass, wood, John, banana.

Abstract nouns- Things without physical form such as: thoughts, courage, desire, determination, envy.

Various suffixes are used to change verbs or adjectives into nouns

Eg: Stupid(adj) - ity = Stupidity(noun) Govern(verb) – ment = Government(noun)

Nouns are usually the things we are talking about when we speak.