

Exercise-1

- Q. Read the following passage about Dr Dolittle, the famous animal doctor. Underline the nouns in the passage. Then, put them in the appropriate columns in the table given below.

Many, many years ago, there lived a doctor in a little town called Puddleby-on-the-Marsh. His name was Dr John Dolittle. All the people in town knew him, for he was very good at curing people. However, the only problem was that he liked animals more than people.

Dr Dolittle had a small house with a large garden. In this garden, he kept all sorts of pets. Of course, all his pets would find their way into the house. So there were goldfish in the pond, rabbits in his pantry, white mice in his piano, a squirrel in his closet, and a hedgehog in his cellar. He even had a cow and an old lame horse. However, his favourite pets were Dab-Dab the duck, Jip the dog, Polynesia the parrot, and Too-Too the owl.

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His sister, Sarah Dolittle who lived with him and looked after the house, was quite exasperated.

'John' she complained, 'these pets of yours make the house smelly and dirty.'

Common	Proper	Collective	Abstract
years	Puddleby-on-the-marsh	pets	
doctor	Dr John Dolittle		
town	goldfish		good
people	pond		old
town	rabbit		exasperated
animals	pantry		
house	white		
garden	mice		
	piano		
	squirrel		
	closet		
	hedgehog		
	cellar		
	cow		
	horse		
	Dab-Dab		
		Proper noun	
		duck	sister
		rip	Sarah Dolittle
		dog	John
		Polynesia	
		parrot	
		Too-Too	
		owl	

Exercise 2

- O. form abstract nouns from the following common nouns. Use the suffixes alongside with some changes in the spellings.

Common Noun

child

adult

King

Slave

Abstract Noun

childhood

Adulthood

kingdom

slavery

Exercise-3

- O. form abstract noun from the following adjectives.

Adjective

brave

kind

free

real

Abstract Noun

bravery

kindness

freedom

reality

Exercise-4

- O. form abstract noun from the following verbs.

verb

agree

treat

pay

grow

Abstract Noun

agreement

treatment

payment

growth

Exercise - 5

- Q. Here is an incomplete passage. Write appropriate collective nouns in the blanks and complete it. You may choose words from the box given below.

This is Raju's farm. Beyond the farm we can see a range of mountains. There is a flock of birds flying in the sky. Raju's son, Uttam is bringing his herd of cows back from the pasture in the mountains.

A flock of sheep is grazing at the foot of the mountain. Near the barn there is a hen with her brood of chickens. Near the clump of trees Raju's brother is selling mangoes. He bought the mangoes from the mango grove at the foot of the mountain. Raju is ploughing the field with team of oxen.

Pair Work

- Q. Underline the nouns in the following sentences and discuss whether they are common, proper, abstract or collective.
- The wind and the sun had a quarrel.
 - Kolkata is on the banks of the Hooghly.
 - The Rani of Jhansi showed great courage.
 - Ali gave his sister a great fright.
 - Our class consists of twenty pupils.
 - Without health there is no happiness.
 - Our team is better than theirs.
 - They groped their way through darkness.

Common

wind

sun

banks

sister

class

pupils

team

way

Proper

Kolkata

Hooghly

Rani

Jhansi

Ali

Abstract

quarrel

courage

fright

happiness

health

darkness

Collective