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- More than 80 practice exercises are included for ready reinforcement
- A wealth of examples are provided on every topic
- Concise explanations are bolstered by extra grammar tips and useful language notes
BASIC ENGLISH GRAMMAR

for English Language Learners

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Grammar is a very old field of study. Did you know that the sentence was first divided into subject and verb by Plato, the famed philosopher from ancient Greece? That was about 2,400 years ago! Ever since then, students all over the world have found it worthwhile to study the structure of words and sentences. Why? Because skill in speaking and writing is the hallmark of all educated people.

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We wish you every success in your pursuit of English proficiency.
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There are two main types of nouns: **common nouns** and **proper nouns**.

### Common Nouns

Words for people, places and things are called **common nouns**.

These common nouns are words for **things**.

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<td>pen</td>
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<td>saw</td>
<td>ship</td>
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<td>telephone</td>
<td>spade</td>
<td>laziness</td>
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These common nouns are words for **animals**. Notice that special names for **young animals** are included.

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<td>frog</td>
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These common nouns are words for **places**.

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<td>synagogue</td>
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These common nouns are words for **people** who do certain things.

- singer
- dancer
- artist
- photographer
- magician
- athlete
- manager
- secretary
- teacher
- doctor
- dentist
- lawyer
- sailor
- pilot
- driver
- writer
- friend
- brother
- gardener
- police officer
- plumber
- farmer
- clerk
- technician

**Proper Nouns**

The names of particular people, places and things are **proper nouns**. They always begin with a capital letter.

These **people’s names** are proper nouns.

- Robin Hood
- Florence Nightingale
- Mom
- Miss Park
- Aladdin
- Muhammad Ali
- Dad
- Mrs. Taylor
- Frankenstein
- George Washington
- Granny
- Mr. Young
- Harry Potter
- David Beckham
- Grandad
- Dr. Lee
- Santa Claus
- Julia Roberts
- Uncle David
- Professor Raj
- Mahatma Gandhi
- Nelson Mandela
- Aunt Diana
- Jose
- Confucius
- Alex Rodriguez
- Ms. Hall
- Yang Ming

The names of the **days of the week** and the **months of the year** are proper nouns.
The names of **special days** and **celebrations** are also proper nouns.

- New Year’s Day
- Mother’s Day
- Independence Day
- Valentine’s Day
- Labor Day
- Ramadan
- Veterans’ Day
- Thanksgiving
- Memorial Day
- Halloween
- Christmas
- Yom Kippur

The names of **famous places, buildings** and **monuments** are proper nouns.

- Big Ben
- the Sphinx
- Graceland
- the Grand Canyon
- the Sydney Opera House
- Buckingham Palace
- the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- the Empire State Building
- the Taj Mahal
- the Eiffel Tower
- the Golden Gate Bridge
- the Great Wall of China
- Chaco Canyon Pueblo
- the Statue of Liberty

The names of **people who live in a particular country** are also proper nouns.

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