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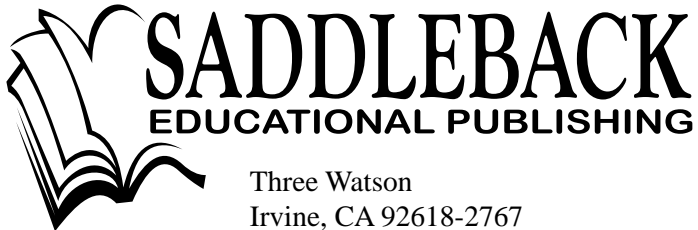
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# ***Note to the Student from the Publisher***

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.

Lesson by lesson, this book provides basic instruction in the eight parts of speech—nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections—as well as the standard patterns of English sentences.

All students of English, be they native speakers or those who are studying English as a second language, will profit from the fundamental introduction and review of grammar provided by SADDLEBACK'S BASIC ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1 and 2. Helpful marginal notes throughout the books have been provided to reinforce existing skills and call attention to common problem areas.

We wish you every success in your pursuit of English proficiency.

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# 1 Nouns

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**.

ruler	chair	hammer	bicycle	truth
pen	table	saw	ship	calculator
crayons	sofa	axe	truck	television
pencil	loyalty	drill	ferry	fridge
book	lamp	ladder	train	cooker
dictionary	carpet	lawnmower	bus	computer
courage	telephone	spade	laziness	printer

These common nouns are words for **animals**. Notice that special names for **young animals** are included.

animal	its young	animal	its young
dog	puppy	fox	cub
cat	kitten	elephant	calf
cow	calf	kangaroo	joey
horse	foal	bear	cub
sheep	lamb	lion	cub
goat	kid	tiger	cub
frog	tadpole	whale	calf

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

bank	airport	school	post office
hotel	gas station	university	police station
library	park	office	restaurant
museum	farm	mosque	supermarket
mall	zoo	temple	stadium
theater	factory	shop	synagogue
hospital	nursery	gym	church



These common nouns are words for **people** who do certain things.

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

### days of the week

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday  
Sunday

### months

January  
February  
March  
April  
May  
June  
July  
August  
September  
October  
November  
December



The names of **special days** and **celebrations** are also proper nouns.

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

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

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

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

country	people	country	people
Afghanistan	Afghans	Samoa	Samoans
Australia	Australians	New Zealand	New Zealanders
Britain	the British	Pakistan	Pakistanis
China	the Chinese	the Philippines	Filipinos
France	the French	Russia	Russians
Germany	Germans	Nicaragua	Nicaraguans
India	Indians	South Africa	South Africans
Indonesia	Indonesians	Spain	Spaniards
Italy	Italians	Switzerland	the Swiss
Japan	the Japanese	Thailand	Thais
Korea	Koreans	USA	Americans
Malaysia	Malaysians	Vietnam	the Vietnamese