**NOUNS**

**What are they?**

Nouns are commonly thought of as "naming" or “labeling” words. They provide a name or label for people, places, things, or abstract ideas.

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| **People** | **Places** | **Things** | **Ideas (more things)** |
| George  girl  dog  Kristen Stewart  couch  friend | Times Square  city  Louisville  corner  Taco Bell  restaurant | ball  Statue of Liberty  wheel  Mini Cooper  car  leaf | imagination  revenge  hope  intelligence  literacy  love |

Why are some of the nouns capitalized?

They are proper nouns and name specific people places or things.

**Plural and Singular Nouns**

singular

Some nouns name one thing. These are called nouns.

plural

Some name more than one. These are called nouns.

Most nouns are made plural by adding an “s”.

dog + dog = dogs cat + cat = cats pineapple + pineapple = pineapples

When do we add “es” to a noun instead of just adding “s”?

ch

sh

x

z

o

s

Words that end in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ and sometimes \_\_\_\_\_

crosses, wishes, witches, boxes, blitzes, heroes

Examples:

What do we do with words that end in “y”?

change “y” to “i” and add “-es” “““es”puppies

If there is a consonant before the “y”, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

just add “s”

If there is a vowel before the “y”, .

Some plurals are just weird: *child/children, goose/geese, moose/moose, mouse/mice, man/men, woman/women, nucleus/nuclei, fish/fish/fishes*

**Compound nouns:** Put two or more words together and it makes a compound noun. These can be formed three ways:

high-rise

ice cream/high school

football

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Two words together Hyphenated Two words separated

Larry’s

**How do we show possession?**

For example, this is the book that belongs to Larry. It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ book.

add an apostrophe and “s” (dog = dog’s)

Rule for singular nouns:

add apostrophe and “s” (women – women’s)

Rule for plural nouns that do not end in “s”:

add apostrophe (boys = boys’)

Rule for plural­ nouns that end in “s”: