

UHL2400 FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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NOUNS

TYPES OF NOUNS

Proper Noun

Refers to specific:

- Person
- Place
- Thing
- Idea

Riyadh



Laman Teruntum



Nutella



Occam's Razor
principle



Common Noun

Refers to non-specific:

- Person
- Place
- Thing
- Idea



Concrete Noun

Refers to a person, place or thing that can be seen, touched, heard, felt and smelled

- Examples

- Camera
- School children
- River
- The National Museum

Abstract Noun

- Refers to an idea, a feeling, a quality or a characteristic.
- Examples
 - Anger
 - Happiness
 - Intelligence
 - communication

Collective Noun

Refers to a group of people, animals or things

-examples:

- A band of musicians
- A herd of deer
- A galaxy of stars

Compound Noun

refers to nouns made up of two or more words.

It can be one word (*haircut*), or connected with a hyphen (*dry-cleaning*), or two words (*swimming pool*)

-examples

- *Washing machine* (verb + noun)
- *Toothpaste* (noun + noun)
- *Sunrise* (noun + verb)
- *Blackboard* (adjective + noun)

Possessive Noun

refers to a noun that shows possession or ownership by adding an apostrophe, an “s” or both

-examples

- Book's cover
- Students' grades
- Mariam's book
- Mother's day

The End

**The English language
was carefully, carefully cobbled together
by three blind dudes
and a German dictionary.
– Dave Kellett**

<http://bigwords101.com/2014/blog/some-quotes-on-words-grammar-and-such/>