

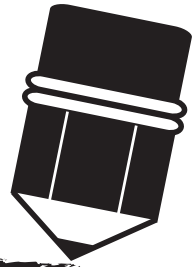
# Proper Nouns

Second Grade Core Language Lesson



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# WELCOME



On behalf of Splash! Publications, we would like to welcome you to *Proper Nouns*, a Second Grade Language lesson designed by teachers with you and your students in mind.

## The Format

We've created a color *Proper Nouns* poster for your classroom, a color copy of the lesson for your Smart Board, and black line masters of the lesson and activities for your students. Our goal is a lesson that you can use immediately.

## Center or Whole Group

*Proper Nouns* can be used in a Center or Whole Group setting. No matter what you decide, we suggest that you read the *Proper Nouns* lesson aloud with your class and have students cut and paste their *Proper Nouns* card into a Language Notebook. A Composition Book works well for this purpose. The activities following the *Proper Nouns* lesson can then be completed as Center work or as part of your Whole Group instruction.

## Core Standards: The "Big Ideas"

Core Standards help teachers prioritize instruction and connect the "big ideas" students need to know in order to advance. *Proper Nouns* was created in alignment with the Second Grade Common Core Reading and Language Standards (CC.2.RI.1, CC.2.RI.4, CC.2.L.2a).

## The Lesson Plan

After reading about *Proper Nouns*, students will:

- trace the words on the *Proper Nouns* card, color the gingerbread man on the card, and glue the *Proper Nouns* card into their Language Notebooks.
- answer *Proper Nouns* comprehension questions.
- rewrite sentences correctly capitalizing proper nouns.
- identify and color proper nouns in a puzzle to reveal a mystery picture.

**Note:** Answers for the activities are at the end of the lesson.



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## Our Other Second Grade Core Language Lessons

**Collective Nouns** (CC.2.RI.1, CC.2.RI.4, CC.2.L.1a)

**Plural Nouns** (CC.2.RI.1, CC.2.RI.4, CC.2.L.1b)

**Reflexive Pronouns** (CC.2.RI.1, CC.2.RI.4, CC.2.L.1c)

**Past Tense Verbs** (CC.2.RI.1, CC.2.RI.4, CC.2.L.1d)

**Adjectives and Adverbs** (CC.2.RI.1, CC.2.RI.4, CC.2.W.3, CC.2.L.1e)

**Simple and Compound Sentences** (CC.2.RI.1, CC.2.RI.4, CC.2.L.1f)

**Commas** (CC.2.RI.1, CC.2.RI.4, CC.2.L.2b)

**Contractions** (CC.2.RI.1, CC.2.RI.4, CC.2.L.2c)

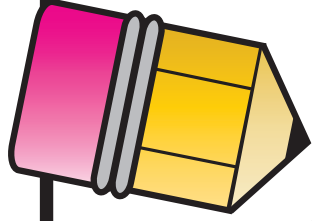
**Possessive Nouns** (CC.2.RI.1, CC.2.RI.4, CC.2.W.2, CC.2.L.2c)

**Context Clues** (CC.2.RI.1, CC.2.RI.4, CC.2.L.4a)

**Prefixes and Suffixes** (CC.2.RI.1, CC.2.RI.4, CC.2.L.4b, CC.2.L.4c)

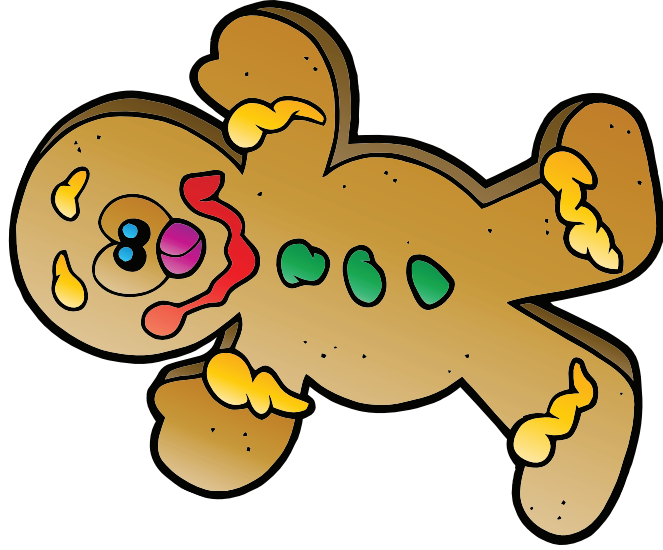
**Compound Words** (CC.2.RI.1, CC.2.RI.4, CC.2.L.4d)



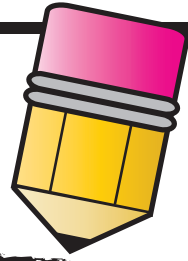


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Cities, towns, and states are also proper nouns. They begin with capital letters. The city of *Houston* is located in the state of *Texas*. Holidays are proper nouns. We make gingerbread cookies on *Thanksgiving*.

Products that we use every day are proper nouns. We wash our clothes with soap. We wash our clothes with *Tide*. Use a tissue to blow your nose. Use *Kleenex* to blow your nose. The brand names of the items we use are proper nouns. Brand names begin with capital letters.

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**Directions:** Fill in the information below about **Proper Nouns**.

Neatly color the picture of the gingerbread man.

Use your scissors to cut out the **Proper Nouns Card**. (Cut on the dotted lines.)

Glue the **Proper Nouns Card** into your Language Notebook.



A proper  
noun is \_\_\_\_\_

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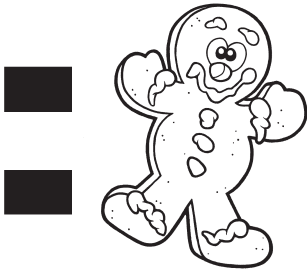
Name \_\_\_\_\_



1. Proper nouns are special –
  - a. verbs
  - b. letters
  - c. naming words
  - d. sentences
2. Proper nouns always begin with a –
  - a. capital letter
  - b. different letter
  - c. period
  - d. lower case letter
3. Which of these is a proper noun?
  - a. town
  - b. kitten
  - c. John
  - d. ball
4. Circle the **proper nouns** in each sentence below.
  - a. My dog's name is Spot.
  - b. My favorite holiday is Christmas.
  - c. We use Softy Soap to clean our dishes.
  - d. We ate dinner at Pete's Pizza.
  - e. The city of Phoenix is in Arizona.



Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Proper Noun Practice

**Directions:** Rewrite these sentences correctly.

1. mr. johnson is going to california.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. her birthday is in june or july.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. christmas and new year's eve are in december.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. the city of akron is in the state of ohio.

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5. my best friend anna brought me a pepsi from iowa.

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| 2. | a  |    | California.                       |
| 3. | c  | 2. | Her birthday is in June or July.  |
| 4. | a. | 3. | Christmas and New Year's Eve      |
|    | b. |    | are in December.                  |
|    | c. | 4. | The city of Akron is in the state |
|    | d. |    | of Ohio.                          |
|    | e. | 5. | My best friend Anna brought       |
|    |    |    | me a Pepsi from Iowa.             |

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