

Novel Study- Once

## Literacy Starter 1- Nouns

**Nouns** are the names of things. The word noun comes from the Latin word, Nomen, meaning name.

### Common Nouns

Common nouns are the names of things like lake, town, tent, bus, lizard, scorpions. They are not particular things and are not written with a capital letter.

#### 1. Make a list of twenty nouns- things you can see in the classroom.

You can start with- *book*

### Proper Nouns

Proper nouns are the names of *particular* things- things that are proper to themselves. Stanley is a proper noun. It is the name of a particular boy.

All proper nouns must be written with a capital letter.

#### All of these are proper nouns:

Days of the week	e.g. Wednesday
Months of the year	e.g. August
Names of people	e.g. Felix
Names of places	e.g. Poland
	Croydon
	Melbourne
Street names	e.g. Croydon St.

#### 2. Make a list of 10 proper nouns- two each from each category above.

Remember to start each name with a capital letter.

#### 3. Read through the passage below and write all the proper and common nouns into your exercise book.

At this moment, I am probably the only kid in Poland with a whole carrot in his bowl. Then I realise what the carrot means and I have sit down quick before my legs give way. At last. Thank you God, Jesus, Mary, the Pope and Adolf Hitler. I've waited so long for this.