



## Different Nouns

A **noun** is a person, place, thing or idea. A **proper noun** names a *specific* person, place, thing or idea. Since they are names, proper nouns are always capitalized.



Carol



Calvary

A **common noun** is a *general* person, place, thing or idea. Since they are not names, common nouns are only capitalized if they begin a sentence.



girl



church

Are the following nouns common or proper? Write **C** on the lines beside the common nouns and write **P** on the lines beside the proper nouns:

1. cereal \_\_\_\_\_

6. James \_\_\_\_\_

2. planet \_\_\_\_\_

7. Mars \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mexico \_\_\_\_\_

8. friend \_\_\_\_\_

4. chair \_\_\_\_\_

9. school \_\_\_\_\_

5. Reno \_\_\_\_\_

10. zoo \_\_\_\_\_

Write 3 common nouns:

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Write 3 proper nouns:

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