

Concrete and Abstract Nouns

What is a noun?

A noun is a name of a thing, such as an object, place, person or idea. We can sort nouns into different categories.

Proper nouns

If a noun names a specific person, place or thing, it is called a proper noun and it starts with a capital letter.

Scotland

Julia

Summertown High School

Tower Bridge

Common Nouns

A common noun is a general name for something. Common nouns do not start with a capital letter.

flower

sausage

teacher

bridge

We can also categorise nouns according to whether they are **concrete** or **abstract**.

Concrete Nouns

A concrete noun is a noun naming something that can be experienced using the physical senses (sight, hearing, taste, touch or smell).

friend

rocket

noise

chimney

aroma

Abstract Nouns

An abstract noun is a word that names emotions, ideas or concepts.

strength

self-esteem

loneliness

love

Concrete or abstract?

Read the nouns. Decide whether each one is a concrete noun or an abstract noun and place it in the correct box.

handprint

danger

rabbit

builder

vegetation

respect

diary

knowledge

cloud

confidence

thermometer

friendship

skeleton

radio

decision

strength

Concrete Noun	Abstract Noun

The Concrete Path

Jen is laying a path from concrete. She must only pour the concrete onto concrete nouns. Work out her path for her and find out which flowerbed the path will lead to.

lie	bravery	freedom	rumour	kindness	balloon	
anxiety	pleasure	workshop	motorway	cardigan	rope	love
peace	river	doctor	hope	power	loyalty	fear
jealousy	castle	hate	wrist	salmon	mosque	wealth
idea	notebook	baby	mountain	belief	puppies	trust
adventure	strength	surprise	confusion	actor	engine	action
						

Spot the Nouns

Read each sentence. Underline any concrete nouns and circle any abstract nouns.

1. The driver told the truth about the damaged package.
2. At school, Emmeline had a great idea for a painting.
3. If you have a talent, come up on the stage and show the audience.
4. Nina had no energy after running for the bus.
5. The judge and jury made sure justice was served in court.
6. Mum found some peace in the beautiful garden by the pond.
7. Honesty and calmness are some of the attributes we are looking for in an employee.
8. The boy showed curiosity about animals.
9. The teacher told the children about his decision to reorganise the classroom.
10. "Love is based on friendship, kindness and loyalty," said Sienna to her kitten.

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Concrete and Abstract Nouns Answers

Concrete or abstract?

Concrete Noun	Abstract Noun
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vegetation	knowledge
diary	strength
handprint	danger
cloud	decision
builder	confidence
radio	friendship
skeleton	
rabbit	

The Concrete Path

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10. "**Love** is based on **friendship**, **kindness** and **loyalty**," said **Sienna** to her **kitten**.