

Exercise 2 (Grammar and Usage)

Nouns Are Naming Words

Words that name people, animals, places, or things are called **nouns**.

EXAMPLE: people: my **brother**, **John Franklin**, that **detective**, our **coach**
animals: several **jellyfish**, **Snoopy**, a **shark**, a **fat caterpillar**
places: the **bakery**, **Kelowna**, our **basement**, **Ontario**
things: my **ballpoint**, a **cold winter**, the **last bus**, these **pickles**
ideas or feelings: **beauty**, **joy**, **wisdom**, **happiness**, **loneliness**

A. Circle the nouns in the following sentences. The number in parentheses tells you how many nouns are in each sentence.

1. The **firetrucks** and the **ambulance** roared across the **bridge** and around the **corner**. (4)
2. **Sophia** dropped the **camera** into the **river** when the **boat** hit the **dock**. (5)
3. The **skunk** finished drinking the **saucer** of **milk** and crawled under the **bed**. (4)
4. All **week** the **trapper** searched the **valley** for the missing **hunters**. (4)
5. The **train** moved slowly into the **station** and stopped with a loud **screech**. (3)
6. For two **hours** the **astronomer** watched the strange red **star** through her powerful **telescope**. (4)
7. Under the **sink** the **detective** found a broken **cup** and a rusty **fork**. (4)



B. Add at least five nouns to each of these lists.

1. Things you might find in the kitchen, such as *forks, spoons, toaster*
knife, blender, coffee-maker, microwave, spatula
2. Things you could hear, such as *wind, sirens, explosions*
sneezes, crashes, yelling, laughter, splashes
3. Things you might use at school, such as *notebooks, pens, desks*
pencil, eraser, whiteout, looseleaf, chair