

# Nouns

Nouns that are specific help build strong sentences.

“Without her boots, Mildred had lost some steam.  
Her socks were more hole than cotton.”

from *A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck

“She took good long whiffs of the wonderful essence of detergent and clean Dacron-cotton which floated down with the petticoat.”

from *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg

“The season had been brief: the flash of bird wings,  
the thunder of migrating herds.”

from *Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George

“It was a calm, cloudless night, and a pale sliver of moon peeked  
over the rooftops. Insects as thick as confetti swirled  
around the cowl of the streetlights.”

from *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

“Four of the nine Supreme Court justices issued a bitter dissent.”

from *In Defense of Liberty* by Russell Freedman

**A noun names a person, place, thing, or idea.**

- ▲ Common nouns refer to a general person, place, thing, or idea. (boots/detergent)
- ▲ Proper nouns refer to a specific person, place, thing, or idea. These nouns are always capitalized. (like Mildred/Supreme Court)
- ▲ Nouns can be singular or plural. (petticoat/whiffs)

**Think of more examples of each type of noun.**

**Person**

Cinderella

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**Place**

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**Thing**

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**Idea**

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