

Understanding Nouns: Types and Characteristics

Grammar · Answer Key · 30 Questions

1. What is the primary function of a noun?

- A) To describe an action
- B) To name a person, place, or thing**
- C) To connect words or phrases
- D) To express strong emotion

2. Which of the following is an example of an abstract noun?

- A) Car
- B) Cookie
- C) Love**
- D) Daddy

3. Which of the following is an example of a concrete noun?

- A) Democracy
- B) Responsibility
- C) Beach**
- D) Weight

4. What is a characteristic of a proper noun?

- A) It refers to a whole class or type.
- B) It is always singular.
- C) Its first letter is capitalized.**
- D) It is usually preceded by 'a' or 'an'.

5. Which of the following is a proper noun?

- A) City
- B) River
- C) Sierra Nevada**
- D) Team

6. How are most singular nouns made plural in English?

- A) By adding 'er'
- B) By adding 's' or 'es'**
- C) By changing the first letter
- D) By adding 'ly'

7. What is an example of a noun with an irregular plural form?

- A) Car
- B) Cars
- C) Child

D) Children

8. What is a collective noun?

A) A noun that names a single object

B) A noun that names a collection or group of things

C) A noun that describes an action

D) A noun that replaces another noun

9. When is a collective noun usually treated as singular?

A) When its members are acting independently

B) When its members are acting in one accord

C) When it refers to a large number of items

D) When it is an abstract noun

10. Which word is a noun marker?

A) Verb

B) Adverb

C) Article

D) Preposition

11. In the sentence 'my former roommate', which word is identified as a noun by the noun marker 'my'?

A) My

B) Former

C) Roommate

D) None of the above

12. Which test can be used to identify many nouns, including abstract ones?

A) The verb test

B) The adjective test

C) The noun marker test

D) The adverb test

13. In the sentence 'Enthusiasm and willingness to work hard are a remedy for the existential angst of many students', which word is marked as a noun by the article 'a'?

- A) Enthusiasm
- B) Willingness
- C) Remedy**
- D) Work

14. Which of the following words is NOT a noun, based on the text's examples?

- A) Enthusiasm
- B) And**
- C) Willingness
- D) Angst

15. Abstract nouns name things we cannot see, touch, or detect readily through our senses.

- A) True**
- B) False

16. Concrete nouns name persons, places, or things we can detect through our senses.

- A) True**
- B) False

17. Proper nouns do not require capitalization.

- A) True
- B) False**

18. Common nouns refer to a whole class or type of person, place, or thing.

- A) True**
- B) False

19. What is the plural form of 'woman' according to the text?

- A) Womans
- B) Womenn
- C) Women**
- D) Womanen

20. What is the plural form of 'child' according to the text?

- A) Childs
- B) Children**
- C) Childen
- D) Childs'

21. Nouns like 'instructor' and 'class' are made plural by adding 's' or 'es'.

A) True

B) False

22. Which of the following nouns has the same form in both singular and plural?

A) Man

B) Woman

C) Moose

D) Child

23. In the sentence 'The army is withdrawing from those Asian countries...', 'army' is used as what type of noun?

A) Plural noun

B) Collective noun

C) Proper noun

D) Irregular noun

24. When does a collective noun get treated as plural?

A) When its members act in one accord

B) When the group is acting with one will

C) When its members take independent, divergent actions

D) When it is an abstract noun

25. What does 'Roger Rabbit' represent in the text?

A) A common noun

B) An abstract noun

C) A proper noun

D) A collective noun

26. Which of the following is an example of a collective noun?

A) Tree

B) River

C) Family

D) Cloud

27. The text states that most children begin building their vocabularies with what part of speech?

A) Verbs

B) Adjectives

C) Nouns

D) Adverbs

28. What can come between a noun marker and a noun?

A) Only adjectives

B) Adjectives or other words

C) Only adverbs

D) Only verbs

29. In the example 'a sunny June day', 'day' is identified as a noun because it is preceded by a noun marker.

A) True

B) False

30. Which category do 'existentialism', 'democracy', 'weight', and 'love' fall under?

A) Concrete nouns

B) Proper nouns

C) Collective nouns

D) Abstract nouns