



Noun

A noun is a part of speech that identifies a person, place, animal, thing or an idea.

e.g. The restaurant is open. (Place)

Throw the ball. (Thing)

Jacob is a good athlete. (Person)

- a bundle of sticks
- a flock of birds, sheep
- a litter of pigs, puppies
- a swarm of bees
- a shoal of fish
- a troop of lions, monkeys
- a clump of trees
- a gang of thieves
- a mob of people
- a string of beads
- a troupe of dancers

Types/Kinds of Noun

1. **Proper Noun** It refers to specific or some particular place, person or thing.
e.g. Vikramaditya was a just king.
Rajasthan is a sandy area.
2. **Collective Noun** It is a noun that refers to a group of persons or things that spoken of as a whole.
e.g. The class seems to be noisy.
A bunch of flower is beautiful.

3. **Common Noun** These are the words used to denote same class or same group of entities not an individual.

e.g. Boys are hardworking.

Lion will never eat grass.

4. **Material Noun** It refers to a material or substance from which things are made such as silver, gold, iron, cotton, diamond or plastic.

e.g. This ring is made of silver.

Gold is costly metal.

5. **Abstract Noun** A noun that is used for the action, state, quality. It refers to that cannot be physically held.

e.g. Hunger made the farmer weary.

Youth is the future of the country.

6. **Noun Number** Number tells us about the fact if the noun is just one or more than one. Following are the kinds of number of nouns

(i) **Singular** If the noun is just one in number, it is singular.

e.g. cow, boy, place, radio etc.

(ii) **Plural** If the noun is more than one, it is plural.

e.g. cows, boys, places, radios etc.

List of Some Collective Nouns

- an army of soldiers
- a board of directors
- a bunch of grapes, bananas, keys
- a bench of judges
- a crew of sailors
- a constellation of stars
- a fleet of cars, ships
- a herd of cattle, buffaloes
- a library of books
- a pack of wolves, thieves, cards
- a set of clubs, tools
- a suite of rooms
- a team of oxen, players
- a tuft of grass
- a band of musicians
- a bouquet of flowers
- a bevy of girls

- (iii) **Countable** Nouns that can be expressed in numbers.
e.g. A river, five rivers.
An apple, ten apples etc.
- (iv) **Uncountable** Nouns that cannot be expressed in numbers.
e.g. much water, some money etc.

List of some singular nouns with their plural

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
Banana	Bananas	Horse	Horses
Tree	Trees	Bamboo	Bamboos
Book	Books	Pen	Pens
Room	Rooms	Bag	Bags
School	Schools	Bus	Buses
Glass	Glasses	Bunch	Bunches
Bush	Bushes	Box	Boxes
Mango	Mangoes	Photo	Photos
Piano	Pianos	Wife	Wives
Life	Lives	Knife	Knives
Thief	Thieves	Shelf	Shelves
Proof	Proofs	Roof	Roofs
Lady	Ladies	Baby	Babies
Army	Armies	City	Cities
Story	Stories	Day	Days
Boy	Boys	Key	Keys
Man	Men	Mouse	Mice
Tooth	Teeth	Woman	Women
Foot	Feet	Ox	Oxen

Exception

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
Child	Children	People	People
Sheep	Sheep	Man-Servant	Men-Servant
Species	Species	Lord Justice	Lord Justices
Deer	Deer	Brother-in-Law	Brothers-in-Law
Fish	Fish	Duke	Dukes

7. Noun : Gender Following are the types of Gender

- (i) **Masculine Gender** denotes male.
e.g. boy, horse, father etc.
- (ii) **Feminine Gender** denotes female.
e.g. girl, mare, mother etc.
- (iii) **Common Gender** denotes either male or female.
e.g. doctor, teacher, child etc.
- (iv) **Neuter Gender** denotes neuter things or non-living things etc.
e.g. pen, table, grass etc.

List of some masculine and feminine genders

Masculine	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine
Actor	Actress	Lad	Lass
Author	Authoress	Landlord	Landlady
Bachelor	Spinster	Lord	Lady
Boy	Girl	Man	Woman
Bridegroom	Bride	Manservant	Maidservant
Brother	Sister	Master	Mistress
Conductor	Conductress	Milkman	Milkmaid
Count	Countess	Monk	Nun
Czar	Czarina	Murderer	Murderess
Dad	Mom	Negro	Negress
Daddy	Mummy	Nephew	Niece
Duke	Duchess	Lion	Lioness
Emperor	Empress	Poet	Poetess
Father	Mother	Postman	Postwoman
Father-in-law	Mother-in-law	Postmaster	Postmistress
Fiance	Fiancee	Prince	Princess
Gentleman	Lady	Shepherd	Shepherdess
Giant	Giantess	Sir	Madam
God	Goddess	Son	Daughter
Governor	Matron	Son-in-law	Daughter-in-law
Grandfather	Grandmother	Step-father	Step-mother
Headmaster	Headmistress	Step-son	Step-daughter
Hero	Heroine	Tailor	Tailoress
Host	Hostess	Uncle	Aunt
Hunter	Huntress	Waiter	Waitress
Husband	Wife	Washerman	Washerwoman
King	Queen	He-goat	She-goat



Practice Exercise

Directions (Q.Nos. 1-30) *Fill in the blanks with the suitable nouns from the options.*

1. is the cleverest boy of our team.
(a) A Suresh (b) Suresh
(c) An Suresh (d) The Suresh
2. The was grazing in the field.
(a) fish (b) cow (c) lion (d) bird
3. Meena has five
(a) sheep (b) cow (c) lion (d) dog
4. The is very famous.
(a) house (b) home (c) hut (d) Taj
5. The army has completed march.
(a) my (b) its (c) our (d) his
6. A of musicians will perform at our city.
(a) gand (b) group (c) band (d) bunch
7. She picked up all the and made bundle.
(a) sticks (b) flowers (c) coins (d) rupees
8. We should drink a lot of
(a) book (b) water (c) money (d) car
9. Experience the best teacher.
(a) is (b) are (c) have (d) were
10. The ring is made of
(a) cow (b) pen (c) gold (d) forest
11. There were four in the room.
(a) houses (b) cities (c) buildings (d) boys
12. Some are playing on the ground.
(a) children (b) boy (c) girl (d) child
13. Today we will sell this
(a) cars (b) car (c) cows (d) deers
14. To cut vegetables, he had to use two
(a) knife (b) knives (c) knives (d) knife
15. Some are drinking water from the pond.
(a) fish (b) deers (c) deer (d) men
16. These were very popular.
(a) city (b) cities (c) country (d) village
17. The called his ministers.
(a) soldier (b) poet (c) shopkeeper (d) king
18. Salman Khan is a famous
(a) actress (b) actor (c) actors (d) directors
19. The movie is interesting but I do not like hero.
(a) its (b) his (c) her (d) our
20. My uncle could not meet wife.
(a) her (b) its (c) his (d) their
21. A crew of
(a) soldiers (b) keys (c) sailors (d) flowers
22. A herd of
(a) stars (b) cattle (c) people (d) sticks
23. A of sheep.
(a) gang (b) army (c) bench (d) flock
24. A of sticks.
(a) crew (b) bundle (c) bunch (d) team
25. A bench of
(a) people (b) directors (c) judges (d) stars
26. 'Thieves' is for 'Thief', 'Mice' is for
(a) Moose (b) Mouse (c) Mise (d) Mices
27. 'Queen' is for 'king' is for 'Gentleman'.
(a) Woman (b) Girl (c) Princess (d) Lady
28. 'Boxes' is for 'Box', is for 'Ox'.
(a) Oxen (b) Oxes (c) Cows (d) Horse
29. 'Army' is for 'Soldiers', 'Gang' is for
(a) People (b) Leaders
(c) Robbers (d) Merchants
30. 'Mistress' is for 'Master', 'Nun' is for ...
(a) Man (b) Poet (c) Lad (d) Monk

Answers

1	(b)	2	(b)	3	(a)	4	(d)	5	(b)	6	(c)	7	(a)	8	(b)	9	(a)	10	(c)
11	(d)	12	(a)	13	(b)	14	(c)	15	(c)	16	(b)	17	(d)	18	(b)	19	(a)	20	(c)
21	(c)	22	(b)	23	(d)	24	(b)	25	(c)	26	(b)	27	(d)	28	(a)	29	(c)	30	(d)