

What Are Proper Nouns?

Nouns that always begin with a capital letter are called **proper nouns**. The following kinds of nouns always begin with a capital letter:

Specific places, such as a **country, state, city, or town**.

Examples: United States, California, Houston

Names of **holidays**.

Example: Labor Day

Names of **people or pets**.

Examples: Mr. Brown, Dr. Chong, Fluffy

Names of **days of the week** and **months of the year**.

Examples: Monday, June

1. Use a proper noun to complete each sentence.

a) I would like to visit the state of _____.

b) The first day in January is _____.

c) Little Rock and _____ are American cities.

d) _____ was my teacher in Grade 2.

e) My favorite day of the week is _____.

2. Write eight proper nouns.

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Remember to check your writing for proper nouns. Did you use capital letters for all proper nouns?