

# Noun Task Cards

# Part One--Common and Proper Noun Skills

**Level One**---Begin by using cards 1 -3 as definition flashcards. Students need to know the definition to proceed.

**Level Two**--Use cards 4-31 to help students differentiate between common and proper nouns. Students should be able to defend their answer and identify parts of the card that need capitals.

**Level Three**--Use cards 32-48 to practice tricky proper nouns (family nicknames, earth, school subjects). Students should be able to explain why sometimes these tricky nouns are proper and sometimes they are not. None of the proper nouns are capitalized. They will need to find them.

1

Noun

1

Noun

2

Common noun

3

Proper Noun

4

charles

5

san francisco



6

austin

7

city

8

boy

9

state capital

10

maria

11

girl

12

goldfish

13

mr. goldfish



14

bluebonnet

15

mrs. bluebonnet

16

ZOO

17

san diego zoo

18

letter

19

declaration of independence

20

war

21

texas revolution



22

region

23

coastal plains

24

river

25

red river

26

mountains

27

guadalupe mountains

28

bridge

29

congress avenue bridge



30

book

31

lord of the rings

32

The toy was a gift from nana.

33

My dad gave me tickets to a concert.

34

Her mom is really nice.

35

The house belonged to grandpa.

36

My bubba is my friend.

37

He gave his mom a present.



38

The best cook in the world is granny.

39

He gave the bicycle to uncle gary.

40

My uncle, Gary, is very tall.

41

I really like math and reading.

42

Mrs. Montgomery teaches math 401.

43

I would go to the ends of the earth  
for my daughter.

44

Life on earth is very interesting.

45

The earth's population is growing.



46

I filled the flowerpot with earth.

47

The cloud blocked the sun.

48

It is further from earth to mars  
than it is from mercury to the sun.

## \*Bonus Cards\*

The following cards are some more tricky common/proper nouns. They are not numbered, and you may not want to include them. Some groups are not ready for these. These cards include cardinal directions (which are sometimes adjectives) and seasons.

Bonus Card

She lives in the North Central Plains  
of Texas.

Bonus Card

The witch comes from the west.

Bonus Card

These flowers only bloom in the  
spring.

Bonus Card

He excited to go see the Winter  
Olympics.



# Part Two--Singular and Plural Nouns

**Level One-** cards 49,50, 74,75 - The students should be able to say the definition of these words before moving on.

**Level Two--** cards 51-71-I go through these cards the first time just sorting them as singular and plural. Then, I use them again and have the students identify which ones follow the rules and which are irregular. You can then practice the irregular forms in spelling.

**Level Three--** cards 76-89- I start by teaching students how to decide if an 's is needed. When something is being possessed, even if for a short time, there are always two NOUNS together in the sentence. If a verb follows the noun in question, it is a plural noun, not a case for possession. I have students look at the sentences and say if it is a case for possession or not.

**Level Four-- cards 51-73--** With these cards, I have students say whether you should add ' or s'. I just reuse all the singular and plural cards from level two plus the ' and s' cards.

**Level Five-- cards 90-99--** With these cards, I have students write a sentence that shows the possession. I let them write on their desks with an Expo marker. You could also take a grade if you wanted or put this part in a center.

# Singular Noun

50

Plural Noun

51

boy

52

boys

53

girl

54

girls



55

geese

56

goose

57

mice

58

mouse

59

cactus

60

cacti

61

deer

62

sheep



63

moose

64

pencil

65

pencils

66

desk

67

desks

68

candy

69

candies

70

letter



71

letters

72

'S

73

1

74

apostrophe

75

possession

76

The lightning whelk's shell has stripes.

The armadillos' eat insects.

The pecan's shell broke.



79

The bluebonnet's bloomed in  
the yard.

The boys' ties were yellow.

The boy's socks were blue.

82

The girls' dresses were  
yellow.

The girl's socks were blue.

The bat's flew out of the cave.

The butterfly's wings were  
orange and black.

The horned lizard's spikes  
look scary.



87

The chip's tasted great with  
salsa.

The Texas sweet onion's  
smelled good in the chili.

89

The blue Lacy's bowl is  
empty.

90

Two pigs possess piglets

One lizard possesses a  
tongue

92

One duck possesses a nest

One girl possesses a cat

Two children posses a dog



95

James possesses a pencil

96

Three elephants possess  
trunks

One student possesses a  
book

99

Six flowers possess roots