PARTS OF SPEECH SERIES

#1

NOUNS

Grammar

Target: SNAP, IIFT, XAT, CMAT, TISSNET, TISSMAT, SSC CGL, Banks, OMETs

What is a noun? (संज्ञा)

A noun functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects, such as living creatures, places, actions, qualities, or ideas.

Examples:

- **Abhishek** and his **dog** are inseparable.
- **Albert Einstein** was born in **Germany**.
- I visited the **Taj Mahal** in **Agra**.
- **Ravi** goes for swimming classes every **Friday**.

Types of Nouns

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Common Nouns

A common noun is a name for a type of thing, person, species, or etc. which denotes a **general name** for something.

Common nouns **do not define any particular** person, place or thing.

Ex. Boy, girl, doctor, town, city, dog, car and so on.

- *Teachers* teach in *school*.
- *Birds* live on *trees*.

Proper Nouns

A proper noun is a name of someone/something which denotes a **particular person/thing**. Proper nouns always begin with a **capital letter.**

Examples:

- I used to live in *Bhopal*.
- Last year we visited the *Qutub Minar*.
- The *Ganga* is a sacred river.

Concrete Nouns

A concrete noun is a noun which refers to people and to things that **exist physically** and can be seen, touched, smelled, heard, or tasted.

Examples: Chair, table, bat, ball, water, money, sugar, etc.

Abstract Nouns

An abstract noun refers to **ideas, qualities, and conditions** - things that **cannot be seen or touched** and things which have no physical reality.

Examples:

- *Kindness* is something almost everyone appreciates.
- Our *friendship* will last forever.

Collective Nouns

A collective noun is the name given to a **group** of people, animals, places, or things.

Example:

- A group of people – *crowd*
- A group of players – *team*
- A group of keys – *bunch*
- A group of bees/insects – *swarm*
- A group of wolves - *pack*

Countable & Uncountable Nouns

Countable nouns are those that refer to something that can be **counted.**

Examples: Pen, hat, house, chair, book, fish, etc.

Similarly, the nouns that **cannot be counted** are called uncountable nouns.

Examples: Water, air, love, honesty, hair, happiness, salt, etc.

Countable & Uncountable Nouns

Countable Noun	Uncountable Noun
Pen, hat, house, chair, book, fish	Water, air, love, honesty, hair, happiness, salt
Plurals exits	No plurals
A/An	No A/An
Quantity	
How many?	How much?
A few..	A little..
Many	Much
Fewer	Less

Practice Questions!

Question: Underline the nouns in the following sentences.

1. The desert is in Africa.

2. Grandfather lives in the village with his sons.

3. He dedicated the book to his brothers and sisters.

4. The lion is the king of the jungle.

Question: Underline the nouns in the following sentences.

5. The boy goes to school by bus.

6. Mumbai is a very big city.

7. We will go out for dinner on Friday.

8. My mother makes delicious bread.

Question: Choose the most appropriate word to fill the blank.

1. I have bought _____ book to read in leisure time. **(many/a/an)**

2. I've got _____ water in my bag-pack. **(some/any/a)**

3. My parents bought me _____ puppy on Christmas. **(a/many/an)**

4. We haven't got _____ time! **(any/many/a)**

Question: Choose the correct collective noun in the blank.

1. A _____ of locusts destroyed the crops of the farmers.

(a) band

(b) swarm

(c) herd

(d) crowd

Question: Choose the correct collective noun in the blank.

2. The warrior possessed a majestic bow and a _____ full of arrows.

(a) string

(b) horde

(c) quiver

(d) class

Question: Choose the correct collective noun in the blank.

3. Our jungle safari was completed only after we saw a _____ of lions.

(a) shoal

(b) pride

(c) troop

(d) herd

Question: Choose the correct collective noun in the blank.

4. Our police successfully nabbed the _____ of criminals.

(a) gang

(b) staff

(c) company

(d) brood

Question: Choose the correct collective noun in the blank.

5. A _____ of birds is always a beautiful sight.

(a) fleet

(b) flutter

(c) crew

(d) flight

Assignment:

Everyone should write at-least 2 collective nouns in the comment section.

Thanks a lot for watching!

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