

**Topic:**        **Parts of Speech**

**Noun:**        A word identifying a person, place, entity, thing, or idea. A noun may be **singular** and refer to one, or **plural** and refer to more than one.

- **Common nouns** are not capitalized.
  - Examples: a policeman, a canyon, a soda bottle, corporation, democracy, fear
- **Proper nouns**, referring to a specific, named person, place, entity, thing, or idea and are capitalized.
  - Examples: Santa Claus, New York City, General Motors, Dixie Cup.

**Pronoun:**    A word that is used in place of a noun.

**Adjective:**   A word describing a noun.

**Adverb:**     A word describing a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

**Verb:**        A word identifying an action or a state of being