

# 16.1 Nouns (Common and Proper Nouns) • Practice 1

**Common and Proper Nouns** A common noun names any one of a class of people, places, or things. A proper noun names a specific person, place, or thing. Proper nouns take capitals.

Common Nouns		Proper Nouns	
river	book	Hudson River	<i>The Pearl</i>
friend	group	Chris	Senate
battle	language	World War I	English

**Exercise 1** **Recognizing Proper Nouns.** Write the proper noun in each sentence in the blank at the right, adding the missing capitalization.

**EXAMPLE:** We greatly admired aunt clare.     Aunt Clare    

1. She decided that she would write to mark twain. \_\_\_\_\_
2. When we were in texas, we saw a huge ranch. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you think our ships will ever reach mars? \_\_\_\_\_
4. The moving van took a detour at maple avenue. \_\_\_\_\_
5. His favorite language is german. \_\_\_\_\_
6. They saw the guards at buckingham palace. \_\_\_\_\_
7. There must be a way to arouse school spirit here at emerson high school. \_\_\_\_\_
8. In seville, the people have a festival every year. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Finally, we had to ask donna what to do. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The leaves are now turning scarlet in vermont. \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 2** **Adding Proper Nouns to Sentences.** Fill in each blank with a proper noun.

**EXAMPLE:** In     Chicago     there are many famous buildings.

1. After much thought, he gave the bracelet to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The author she likes the least is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The sight of the \_\_\_\_\_ filled us with awe.
4. On \_\_\_\_\_ there were two new houses being built.
5. We finally decided to buy a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. During \_\_\_\_\_ there was very little to do around here.
7. Some day I would like to see \_\_\_\_\_.
8. After a heated contest, we beat \_\_\_\_\_ by two points.
9. Television just isn't the same without \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The explorers crossed the \_\_\_\_\_ during their first expedition.