# **SECTION B - Word Classes**

Words each have special jobs to do. There are eight word classes (jobs). These are nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, prepositions, conjunctions and determiners. In this section, we'll learn about them one at a time.

## 1 NOUNS



Nouns name things, places or people.

#### A Concrete Nouns

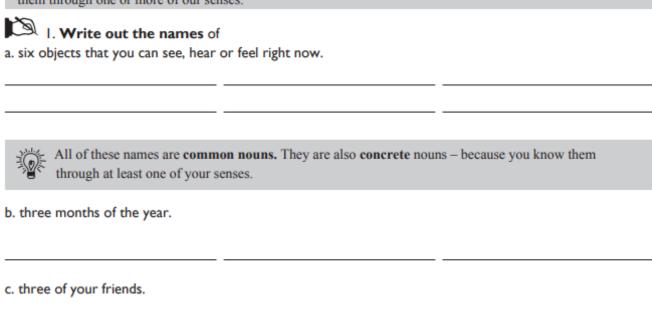


#### Concrete nouns name

d. three cities in overseas countries.

- things like knife, house, cat, tree
- · people like Peter, Jane, Helen, Mr Jones, Dr Reid
- places like home, town, Wellington, Auckland, Napier, Nelson, Gore.

All of these things, people and places can be seen, touched, heard, smelt or tasted. In other words, we can know them through one or more of our senses.





All of these names should have started with capital letters. These are all **proper** nouns. They are also **concrete** nouns.

### **B Abstract Nouns**

Abstract nouns name qualities and ideas which we know with our mind, but not directly through our senses. For example - truth, justice, beauty, grace, elegance, injustice, falsehood. We do know individual examples of these qualities through our senses - but the idea of truth, justice, beauty ...is not something that we can see, hear, smell, touch or taste.

You can't see abstract nouns - you also can't count or weigh them.



1. Sort the words in the box into abstract nouns and concrete nouns.

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Abstract Nouns	Concrete Nouns

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2. Use a thesaurus to find a synonym and an antonym for each of these abstract nouns.

abstract noun	synonym	antonym
strength		
loyalty		
courage		
friendship		
beauty		
justice		