

***Better Writing
& Punctuation***

Booklet 3

Sample Pages

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Exercise 5

Abstract Nouns



Abstract nouns are the names given to feelings, qualities or ideas. Your five senses cannot detect this group of nouns you can't see them, hear them, smell them, taste them or feel them.

Is it a feeling or idea?

It is probably an abstract noun.

These are all abstract nouns:

fear
joy

happiness
stupidity

humour
imagination

intelligence
excitement

Look at the following nouns and do the following:

- Highlight or underline all the common nouns in one colour
- Highlight or underline all the proper nouns in another colour
- Highlight or underline all the abstract nouns in another colour

kindness	house	pride	James
tree	Wales	evil	love
table	book	Leah	anger
honesty	wisdom	garden	sun
Minal	misery	trust	road
car	France	greed	joy
Leeds	dog	delight	hope
freedom	Ireland	rose	peace

= common noun

= proper noun

= abstract noun



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1. jake was full of hope

= common noun

2. fear showed in the girl's eyes

= proper noun

3. curiosity killed the cat

= abstract noun

4. mrs hart put a lot of thought into the present

5. charlotte showed great patience with the baby

6. the crime was committed by local thief fingers smith

7. the fury of the hurricane made the villagers despair



8. the teacher's anger shattered the peace of the lesson for rhys and his friend george

9. the courage of lieutenant kent in the battle came as a surprise to his men

10. due to the silliness and stupidity of ashley daniel and ben there will be detention on tuesday night stated mr ellis

11. preetum's helpfulness was appreciated by his mother who was under great pressure

