

LESSON 2 THE NOUN

NOTES

EX1: Underline the nouns in the following sentences and write their kinds.

1. The king said to his son, “There are two things absolutely necessary to be in successful in life – honesty and wisdom.”

Ans: King, son, things (common nouns), life, honesty, wisdom (abstract nouns).

2. Nelson Mandela became the first President of independent South Africa.

Ans: Nelson Mandela (proper noun), president (common noun), South Africa (proper noun).

3. The news of terrorist attack in the city spread like wildfire and people collected in front of the minister’s house.

Ans: news (common noun), attack (common noun), city (common noun), house (common noun).

4. In spite of her age, the old lady loved wearing ornaments of gold and silver.

Ans: age (common noun), lady (common noun), ornaments (common noun), gold, silver (material noun), people (common noun).

5. The jury found the prisoner guilty and sentenced him for ten years.

Ans: jury (collective noun), prisoner (common noun), years (common noun).

EX2: Underline all the Nouns in the following passage and state their kind.

The immortals of Meluha is the first novel of the Shiva trilogy series by Amish Tripathi. The story is set in the land of Meluha and starts with the arrival of the Tibetan tribal Shiva. The Mehulan belief that Shiva is their fabled Neelkanth is confirmed when he consumes the Somras, a legendary healing potion, which turns his throat blue.

It's sequel, The Secret of the Nagas, along with The Immortals of Melhua, have crossed a print run of a million copies and earned \$22 crore within two years of publishing.

Proper noun	Common noun	Abstract noun	Collective noun
Immortals of Meluha	Novel	Belief	Trilogy
Shiva	Series		
Amish Tripathi	Story		
Neelkanth	Arrival		
Somras	Land		

Secret of the Nagas	Tribal		
	Potion		
	Throat		
	Sequel		
	Copies		
	years		

EX3: Fill in the blanks with the Abstract Noun forms of the words given below.

(destroy, civilise, defy, cooperate, relax, argue, educate, discuss, propose, prefer)

1. No one can deny the importance of education in a child's life.
2. For days the topic of discussion was the untimely death of the Indian Idol, Ishmith Singh in a swimming pool.
3. The Tsunami caused massive destruction of life and property.
4. A stupid argument between two boys led to a pitched battle between two groups.
5. The opposition party voted the government proposal for more reservation of seats for the weaker sections.
6. No company can prosper without the cooperation of the workers.

7. Watching television is the most popular means of relaxation for the elderly in India.
8. Many members of the party were expelled for their defiance of the party's rules.
9. Her parents did not object to her preference for flying than medicine and supported her in her choice.
10. Some new facts have been discovered about the ancient civilization of Indus Valley.

EX4: Complete the following sentences by choosing the most suitable Collective Noun from the box.

(collection, horde, mob, choir, committee, wardrobe, heap, troupe)

1. The violent mob was dispersed only when tear gas was used by the police.
2. A horde of warriors attacked the sleeping city and destroyed it.
3. She has a wonderful collection of rare stamps.
4. The choir sang melodiously and won applause.
5. The famous singer's wardrobe has a collection of latest fashions.
6. A heap of stones marked the boundary between the two farms.
7. A troupe of actors staged many plays of Shakespeare in the city.

8. A committee of eminent lawyers was formed to look into the legal aspect of the new law.

EX5: Study the Nouns given in the box. Choose one Noun from the box to replace the group of words in italics in the sentences given below.

(Pedestrians, autobiography, century, audience, oasis, import, hobby, album, waiter, biography)

1. The *person who served us tea* was a new appointment in the hotel.

Ans: waiter

2. Sometimes it is the *people walking on the street* who cause accidents.

Ans: pedestrians

3. Ravi Shankar's performance was given a standing ovation by *the people who had come to hear him*.

Ans: audience

4. Not a single Indian batsman scored *a hundred runs* in the match against Sri Lanka.

Ans: century

5. He showed me *a book in which he had collected pictures* of this tour abroad.

Ans: album

6. Mahatma Gandhi's *story of his life* should be read by all the young children.

Ans: autobiography

7. My favourite occupation to relax in free time is reading adventure stories.

Ans: hobby

8. He brings electronic goods from Japan to India.

Ans: importer

9. The most important place in a desert is where water is found.

Ans: oasis

10. I have recently read, a very interesting book about the life and works of Leonardo da Vinci by an Indian author.

Ans: biography

EX6: Solve this puzzle with the help of the clues given and write the answers in the cross patch given:

1. A person who breaks into people's houses, shops, etc. at night, to steal.

Ans: Burglar

2. Season when the leaves fall.

Ans: Autumn

3. A person who tells our future with the help of stars.

Ans: Astrologer

4. A ship that travels under the sea.

Ans: Submarine

5. A person disloyal to his own country.

Ans: Traitor

EX7: In the following blanks one word is countable and the other is uncountable. Write some or a before each word:

1. A report was read by the people, along with some news on page 3.
2. Some furniture has been changed in the room and a steel almirah has been added.
3. I needed some accomdation in a hotel immediately.
4. He landed in Canada with a cheque book and some cash.
5. Go and see a lawyer and get some advice about what to do next.