Noun
Types of Nouns

- Classified by meaning
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  2. Concrete/abstract nouns
  3. Countable/uncountable nouns
  4. Collective nouns

- Classified by form
  1. Nouns compounds
  2. Adjective forms used as nouns
  3. Verb forms used as nouns
Function of Nouns

- Subject of Verb
- Complement of verb: DO /IO
- Subjective complement (predicate Noun)
- Objective complement
- Object of preposition
- Noun in apposition (appositive)
- Noun in direct address (vocative)
- Noun Adjunct
Position of Nouns

- Subject
- Subjective complement
- Direct object
- Indirect object
- Objective complement
- Object of preposition
- Noun adjunct
- Appositive
- Noun in direct address
Form of Nouns

- Inflectional forms
  - 1. plural
  - 2. possessive

- Derivational forms
Markers of Nouns

- Determiners
  1. articles: definite/indefinite
  2. Possessive: my, john’s
  3. Demonstrative: this, those
- Numbers
- Words of indefinite quantity (some, more)
- Preposition
Proper Nouns

- Personal names
- Geographic units’ name: countries, cities, rivers, etc
- Nationalities & religion names
- Names of holidays
- Names of time unit: Sunday, June
- Words used for personification: nature
Concrete or abstract

- Concrete: can be perceived by the senses: can be seen, touched, smelled
- Abstract: a word for concept:
  - Beauty, justice
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Collective Nouns

- A group of objects considered as a single unit:
- CN → Countable
- Audience, committee, class, crew, crowd, enemy, faculty, family, flock, folk, government, group, herd, jury, majority, minority, nation, orchestra, press, public, team

- British: CN + Plu. Verb
- American: CN + Plu/sing Verb
Noun Compounds

- N+N → bathroom, grammar book
- Poss.N+N → artist’s model, a women's college
- Adj+N → blackbird, common sense
- V+N → pickpocket, flashlight, dance team
- N+V → handshake, garbage dump, lifeguard
- Gerund+N → dining room, punching bag
- N+ gerund → fortune telling, housecleaning, water skiing
- Prep+N → overall, downpour
- V+Prep-Adv → breakdown, makeup, grown up
- N+PP → son-in-law, editor-in-chief
Adj. form used as Nouns

- Often preceded by “the”
- + plural verb when referring to persons