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VERY PROPER NOUNS

Nouns are words that name a person, place, or thing. **Common** nouns are words that can mean **any** person, place, or thing. Did you know there is another kind of noun? It is called a **proper** noun and means a **particular** person, place, or thing. Let's look at some examples.

boy is a common noun
town is a common noun
book is a common noun
cat is a common noun

Brad is a proper noun.
Chicago is a proper noun.
Goodnight, Moon is a proper noun.
Siamese is a proper noun.

Proper nouns always name a particular person, place, or thing. For this reason, you always capitalize a proper noun. If a person's name is two words, you must capitalize both words like this: Aunt Sally, Mrs. Smith, or Officer John.

Look at the words below. For each one, if it is a proper noun, put a **P** on the line. If it is a common noun, put a **C** on the line.

1. ____ boy

10. ____ Uncle Bill

2. ____ ship

11. ____ Frank

3. ____ John

12. ____ river

4. ____ ball

13. ____ Mississippi River

5. ____ Mount Washington

14. ____ book

6. ____ Pine City

15. ____ school

7. ____ Officer Smith

16. ____ Hamilton School

8. ____ table

17. ____ Lassie

9. ____ lion

18. ____ Ocicat

Answer Key

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| 1. C | 10. P |
| 2. C | 11. P |
| 3. P | 12. C |
| 4. C | 13. P |
| 5. P | 14. C |
| 6. P | 15. C |
| 7. P | 16. P |
| 8. C | 17. P |
| 9. C | 18. P |