

An **abstract noun** names an idea, a feeling, a quality, or a characteristic.

ABSTRACT COMMON NOUNS	CONCRETE COMMON NOUNS	PROPER NOUNS
<i>truth</i>	<i>document</i>	<i>Supreme Court</i>
<i>courage</i>	<i>crown</i>	<i>Queen Elizabeth I</i>
<i>time</i>	<i>snow</i>	<i>December</i>
<i>history</i>	<i>museum</i>	<i>Whitney Museum</i>
<i>entertainment</i>	<i>actor</i>	<i>Paul Newman</i>
<i>education</i>	<i>school</i>	<i>Howard University</i>
<i>friendship</i>	<i>friend</i>	<i>Jessica</i>
<i>tragedy</i>	<i>ship</i>	<i>Titanic</i>
<i>comedy</i>	<i>comedian</i>	<i>Jerry Seinfeld</i>

A **compound noun** is made of two or more words. A compound noun may be written as one word, as separate words, or as a hyphenate word. (When you are unsure how to write a compound noun, look it up in the dictionary.)

COMPOUND NOUNS

ONE WORD	SEPARATE WORDS	HYPHENATED WORDS
<i>housekeeper, showcase, bookmark, outdoors,</i>	<i>post office, dining room, maid of honor,</i>	<i>daughter-in-law, walkie-talkie,</i>