

NOUNS (common, proper, singular, plural) and NOUN MARKERS

Directions: Underline the common nouns in the following sentences.

1. Haydn's symphonies are considered examples of classical music.
2. The math book contained several algebraic equations.
3. The young woman walked nervously across the stage to accept her diploma.
4. As Hurricane Andrew moved away from the city, people began to come out of their homes.
5. The radio was playing loudly as the young student worked on his homework.

Directions: Underline the proper nouns in the following sentences.

1. Linda found several issues of *Newsweek* magazine under her bed.
2. When I was on vacation, I visited Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and Bahamas.
3. Our biology teacher, Mr. Johnson, said we were going to dissect a frog on Monday.
4. The Lakeside Country Club offers hobbies and fun activities for its members.
5. Thomas Jefferson is admired for writing the *Declaration of Independence*.

Directions: In the following sentences, underline both singular and plural nouns. Write 'S' above the singular nouns and 'P' above the plural nouns.

1. Several boys on the baseball team asked the coach for advice.
2. A large bear quietly crawled into the campers' tent.
3. Each teacher is responsible for her students.
4. There were several tourists asking for information at the booth.
5. My three sisters got married in the countryside.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with "a" or "an," whichever fits the sentence.

1. I have _____ uncle who lives in Nebraska.
2. This school needs _____ uniform parking code.
3. The soldier received _____ honorable discharge from the Army.
4. Louis stayed home from work because he had _____ very bad cough.
5. That was _____ ugly dress that was on sale.

PRACTICE TEST

Directions: Circle the selection which identifies all COMMON NOUNS.

1. The old telephone on the desk does not work properly.
 - A. old, telephone, desk, work
 - B. telephone, desk
 - C. telephone, desk, work
2. I like to watch the evening news in order to be informed of world events.
 - A. news, events
 - B. I, evening, news, world, events
 - C. evening, news, world, events

Directions: Circle the selection which identifies all PROPER NOUNS.

3. James listened to Mr. Olsen explain the consequences of plagiarism.
 - A. James, Mr. Olsen, plagiarism
 - B. James, Mr. Olsen, consequences
 - C. James, Mr. Olsen
4. The United States, Germany, and Japan are all competing car manufacturers.
 - A. The United States, Germany, Japan
 - B. The United States, Germany, Japan, manufacturers
 - C. car, manufacturers

Directions: Choose the SINGULAR OR PLURAL NOUN that fits the sentence.

5. All of the _____ asked whether they could do extra credit assignments.
 - A. student's
 - B. students
 - C. student
6. One of the _____ barked loudly when it saw the mail carrier.
 - A. dog
 - B. dogs
 - C. dog's
7. One _____ on the jury could not make up his mind about the verdict.
 - A. man
 - B. men
8. After I tried on several _____, the salesperson began to lose her patience.
 - A. dresses'
 - B. dresses
 - C. dress
9. Both _____ were injured in the accident.
 - A. player
 - B. players
 - C. player's

Directions: Choose A/AN, whichever fits the sentence.

10. He had _____ excuse for being late.
 - A. a
 - B. an
11. It will take _____ hour to drive to Homestead in this traffic.
 - A. a
 - B. an