

Answers

Year 5

Nouns Worksheet 1

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Section A — Identify and Underline

1. A troop of monkeys swung noisily through the towering canopy.

✓ **Answer:** troop, monkeys, canopy

Explanation: Troop is a collective noun for a group of monkeys. Monkeys and canopy are common nouns.

2. The Amazon River carries more water than any other river on Earth.

✓ **Answer:** Amazon River, water, river, Earth

Explanation: Amazon River and Earth are proper nouns naming specific places, so they need capital letters. Water and river are common nouns.

3. Curiosity drove the young explorer deeper into the dense jungle.

✓ **Answer:** Curiosity, explorer, jungle

Explanation: Curiosity is an abstract noun, naming a quality that cannot be touched or seen. Explorer and jungle are common nouns.

4. A colony of leafcutter ants marched steadily across the forest floor.

✓ **Answer:** colony, ants, forest floor

Explanation: Colony is a collective noun for a group of ants. Ants and forest floor are common nouns.

5. Indigenous tribes have lived in the rainforest for thousands of years.

✓ **Answer:** tribes, rainforest, years

Explanation: Tribes, rainforest and years are common nouns, naming groups of people, a place and a period of time.

Section B — Fix It

6. The jaguar, who hunts mainly at night, is the largest cat in South America.

✓ **Answer:** The jaguar, which hunts mainly at night, is the largest cat in South America.

Explanation: Which is used for animals and things, not who. Which correctly refers to the jaguar.

7. The scientist which discovered the new species was thrilled.

✓ **Answer:** The scientist who discovered the new species was thrilled.

Explanation: Who is used for people, not which. Who correctly refers to the scientist.

8. The village, who was built near the river, relied on fishing.

✓ **Answer:** The village, which was built near the river, relied on fishing.

Explanation: Which is used for places and things, not who. Which correctly refers to the village.

9. The explorers visited the spot which the ancient ruins were discovered.

✓ **Answer:** The explorers visited the spot where the ancient ruins were discovered.

Explanation: Where is used for places. Where correctly shows the location the ruins were discovered.

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10. The moment which the rain finally stopped, the birds began to sing.

✓ **Answer:** The moment when the rain finally stopped, the birds began to sing.

Explanation: When is used for times. When correctly shows the moment the rain stopped.

Section C — Collective Nouns

11. A _____ of piranhas swam through the murky river water.

✓ **Answer:** school

Explanation: A school is the correct collective noun for a group of fish, such as piranhas.

12. A _____ of mosquitoes buzzed relentlessly around the campsite at dusk.

✓ **Answer:** swarm

Explanation: A swarm is the correct collective noun for a group of flying insects, such as mosquitoes.

13. A _____ of scarlet macaws flew overhead in a blaze of colour.

✓ **Answer:** flock

Explanation: A flock is the correct collective noun for a group of birds, such as macaws.

14. A _____ of wild dogs hunted together across the forest floor.

✓ **Answer:** pack

Explanation: A pack is the correct collective noun for a group of wild dogs.

15. A _____ of army ants can strip a small animal to the bone within minutes.

✓ **Answer:** colony

Explanation: A colony is the correct collective noun for a group of ants.

Section D — Expand the Noun Phrase

16. Which is the best expanded noun phrase for "toucan"?

✓ **Answer:** A) the toucan with its enormous, colourful beak

Explanation: The toucan with its enormous, colourful beak is best because it adds vivid, specific detail using a prepositional phrase. The other options are correct English but far less detailed.

17. Which is the best expanded noun phrase for "undergrowth"?

✓ **Answer:** C) the dense, tangled undergrowth beneath the canopy

Explanation: The dense, tangled undergrowth beneath the canopy is best because it combines two adjectives with a prepositional phrase for rich detail. The other options use only one adjective or no expansion at all.

18. Which is the best expanded noun phrase for "waterfall"?

✓ **Answer:** D) the thundering waterfall, which crashed into the pool below

Explanation: The thundering waterfall, which crashed into the pool below is best because it combines an adjective with a relative clause for vivid, detailed description. The other options use only one adjective or no expansion at all.

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19. Which is the best expanded noun phrase for "explorer"?

✓ **Answer: C) the fearless explorer, who had travelled for weeks**

Explanation: The fearless explorer, who had travelled for weeks is best because it combines an adjective with a relative clause to add rich detail. The other options use only one adjective or no expansion at all.

20. Which is the best expanded noun phrase for "canopy"?

✓ **Answer: C) the towering rainforest canopy, home to thousands of species**

Explanation: The towering rainforest canopy, home to thousands of species is best because it combines adjectives, a modifying noun and extra descriptive detail. The other options use only one adjective or no expansion at all.

Section E — Fix It: Pronouns for Cohesion

21. The anaconda coiled around the anaconda's prey before swallowing the anaconda's meal whole.

✓ **Answer: The anaconda coiled around its prey before swallowing its meal whole.**

Explanation: Anaconda is repeated. Replacing both repeated mentions with its avoids the repetition, since an anaconda is an animal.

22. The botanists recorded the botanists' findings carefully in the botanists' notebooks.

✓ **Answer: The botanists recorded their findings carefully in their notebooks.**

Explanation: Botanists is repeated. Since botanists is plural, their is the correct pronoun to replace both repeated mentions.

23. The river dolphin surfaced, and the river dolphin's skin glistened in the sunlight.

✓ **Answer: The river dolphin surfaced, and its skin glistened in the sunlight.**

Explanation: River dolphin's is repeated. Replacing it with its avoids the repetition, since a river dolphin is an animal.

24. Dr Elena Ramirez studied the rainforest for decades, and Dr Elena Ramirez's research changed how scientists understood it.

✓ **Answer: Dr Elena Ramirez studied the rainforest for decades, and her research changed how scientists understood it.**

Explanation: Dr Elena Ramirez's is repeated. Replacing it with her avoids the repetition, since Dr Elena Ramirez is a woman.

25. The tribe protected the tribe's land fiercely, for the tribe's land had been theirs for generations.

✓ **Answer: The tribe protected their land fiercely, for it had been theirs for generations.**

Explanation: Their replaces the first repeated mention of the tribe's, and it replaces the second mention, referring back to the land itself.