

Year 5

Nouns

Worksheet 1

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Remember the rules!

- A noun is a naming word. It names a person, place, thing or idea. Example: teacher, London, chair, happiness.
- A common noun names any person, place or thing (e.g. dog, city) and does not need a capital letter. A proper noun names a specific one (e.g. Rex, London) and always starts with a capital letter.
- An abstract noun names a feeling, quality or idea that you cannot touch or see. Example: courage, kindness, freedom, happiness.
- For a singular noun, add 's to show possession: the captain's cabin. For a regular plural noun already ending in s, add just an apostrophe after the s: the sailors' uniforms. For an irregular plural that does not end in s, add 's: the children's toys.
- A collective noun names a group of people, animals or things acting together. Example: a troop of monkeys, a flock of birds, a colony of ants.
- A relative clause gives extra information about a noun and usually begins with a relative pronoun: who (for people), which (for things and animals), where (for places), when (for times), or whose (for possession).
- An expanded noun phrase adds extra detail to a noun using adjectives, a prepositional phrase, or a relative clause. Example: the fearless explorer, who had travelled for weeks.
- Repeating the same noun in a sentence or paragraph can sound clumsy. Replace the second mention with a pronoun (he, she, it, they, his, her, its, their) to keep writing clear and cohesive.

Section A — Identify and Underline

Underline every noun in each sentence below.

1. A troop of monkeys swung noisily through the towering canopy.
2. The Amazon River carries more water than any other river on Earth.
3. Curiosity drove the young explorer deeper into the dense jungle.
4. A colony of leafcutter ants marched steadily across the forest floor.
5. Indigenous tribes have lived in the rainforest for thousands of years.

Section B — Fix It

Each sentence below uses the wrong relative pronoun (who, which, where or when). Write the whole sentence correctly on the line below.

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

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

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

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

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

Section C — Collective Nouns

Choose the correct collective noun from the word bank below to complete each sentence. Write the whole word on the line below.

Word Bank

swarm colony pack flock school
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11. A _____ of piranhas swam through the murky river water.

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

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

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

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

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Section D — Expand the Noun Phrase

Underline the best expanded noun phrase for each word below.

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

- A) the toucan with its enormous, colourful beak
- B) a toucan
- C) the loud toucan
- D) the toucan in the tree

Underline your answer.

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

- A) the undergrowth
- B) the thick undergrowth
- C) the dense, tangled undergrowth beneath the canopy
- D) the green undergrowth

Underline your answer.

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

- A) the waterfall
- B) the loud waterfall
- C) the tall waterfall
- D) the thundering waterfall, which crashed into the pool below

Underline your answer.

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

- A) the explorer
- B) the brave explorer
- C) the fearless explorer, who had travelled for weeks
- D) a tired explorer

Underline your answer.

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

- A) the canopy
- B) the tall canopy
- C) the towering rainforest canopy, home to thousands of species
- D) the green canopy

Underline your answer.

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Section E — Fix It: Pronouns for Cohesion

Each sentence below repeats a noun. Replace the repeated noun with the correct pronoun and write the whole sentence correctly on the line below.

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

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

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

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

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