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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 team of climbers, a crew of Sherpas, an expedition of mountaineers.
- 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 — Choose the Correct Word

Each sentence below has two possible relative pronouns to choose from. Underline the one that is correct.

1. Edmund Hillary, who / which first reached the summit in 1953, became a global icon.
2. Mount Everest, which / who stands over 8,800 metres tall, is the highest mountain on Earth.
3. Climbers must pass through the area where / which the air becomes dangerously thin.
4. The season when / which conditions are safest for climbing is called the climbing window.
5. The Sherpa who / which guided the expedition knew the mountain better than anyone.

Section B — Identify the Relative Clause

Underline the whole relative clause in each sentence below (not just the relative pronoun).

6. Tenzing Norgay, who climbed alongside Hillary, rarely spoke about the historic ascent.
7. The Khumbu Icefall, which shifts constantly, is one of the most dangerous parts of the climb.
8. Base Camp, where climbers rest and acclimatise, sits at over 5,000 metres.

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9. The year 1953, when Everest was first conquered, marked a turning point in mountaineering history.

10. The death zone, which begins above 8,000 metres, offers barely enough oxygen to survive.

Section C — Fix It: Apostrophes

Each sentence below is missing an apostrophe, or has it in the wrong place. Write the whole sentence correctly on the line below.

11. The climbers oxygen supply ran dangerously low near the summit.

12. The two Sherpas experience proved essential to the expedition's success.

13. The teams equipment was carefully checked before departure.

14. The mens determination carried them through the final, brutal push to the summit.

15. The three expedition's routes were mapped out months in advance.

Section D — Sort the Noun

Underline the correct type for each noun below.

16. Which type of noun is "Everest"?

- A) Common
- B) Proper
- C) Abstract

Underline your answer.

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17. Which type of noun is "determination"?

- A) Common
- B) Proper
- C) Abstract

Underline your answer.

18. Which type of noun is "oxygen"?

- A) Common
- B) Proper
- C) Abstract

Underline your answer.

19. Which type of noun is "Hillary"?

- A) Common
- B) Proper
- C) Abstract

Underline your answer.

20. Which type of noun is "achievement"?

- A) Common
- B) Proper
- C) Abstract

Underline your answer.

Section E — Further Practice

Underline your answer for each question below.

21. Which sentence uses a relative clause correctly?

- A) The climber, who reached the summit, felt overwhelming pride.
- B) The climber who, reached the summit felt overwhelming pride.
- C) The climber, who reached the summit felt overwhelming, pride.
- D) The climber who reached, the summit felt overwhelming pride.

Underline your answer.

22. Which word is the correct collective noun to complete the sentence below?

"A _____ of climbers prepared to make the final ascent together."

- A) team
- B) herd
- C) flock
- D) pack

Underline your answer.

23. Which of the following is an expanded noun phrase?

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- A) mountain
- B) the mountain
- C) the towering, ice-covered mountain that dominated the horizon
- D) a mountain

Underline your answer.

24. Which word in the sentence below is an abstract noun?

"The climbers felt immense relief as the storm finally passed."

- A) climbers
- B) relief
- C) storm
- D) passed

Underline your answer.

25. Which sentence correctly uses a pronoun to avoid repeating a noun?

- A) The Sherpa guided the group, and the Sherpa knew every step of the route.
- B) The Sherpa guided the group, and he knew every step of the route.
- C) The Sherpa guided the group, and Sherpa knew every step of the route.
- D) The Sherpa guided the group, and the Sherpa's knew every step of the route.

Underline your answer.