Common and Proper Nouns

A **common noun** names a general person, place or thing.

examples:  I went to the **city**.
            The **man** was kind.

A **proper noun** names a specific person, place, or thing. Always capitalize the first letter of a proper noun.

examples:  I went to **San Francisco**.
            **Mr. Brown** was kind.
            **My new puppy**, **Perro**, is playful.

**Directions:** Underline the common nouns with a blue crayon. Underline the proper nouns with a red crayon.

1. The house is on Main Street. (1 common, 1 proper)
2. Karen played with her sister. (1 common, 1 proper)
3. Fran went to Friendly’s Pet Shop. (2 proper)
4. The car stopped quickly. (1 common)
5. Morgan Boulevard is a busy street. (1 proper, 1 common)
6. Michael and his friend chased the kitten. (1 proper, 2 common)
7. Did you see Kevin at the party? (1 proper, 1 common)
8. Laura looked at the stars through her telescope. (1 proper, 2 common)
9. There were no yellow markers in the box. (2 common)
10. Have you ever eaten a cheeseburger at Burger Planet?
   (1 common, 1 proper)

11. A young boy found a dollar on the sidewalk. (3 common)

12. Mary sat by the fire and roasted a marshmallow. (1 proper, 2 common)

Directions: Write the word “common” next to each common noun. Re-write each proper noun correctly.

1. alice smith ____________
2. carpenter ______________
3. dog _______________
4. max _______________
5. book _______________
6. mayberry library ______________
7. jupiter _______________
8. planet _______________
9. restaurant _______________
10. burger king _______________