



English

<u>Noun</u>

S.No	Concept / Rule	Explanation	Examples / Exceptions
1	Definition of Noun	A noun is the name of a person, place, thing, idea, or quality.	Ram, honesty, India, chair
2	Types of Nouns	1. Proper 2. Common 3. Collective 4. Abstract 5. Material	India (Proper), Army (Collective), Honesty (Abstract)
3	Countable vs Uncountable	Countable: Can be counted; Uncountable: Cannot be counted	Book (C), Sugar (U)
4	Plural Formation (regular)	Add -s or -es to form plural	Book → Books, Box → Boxes
5	Plural Formation (irregular)	Change internal vowel/consonant or form remains same	$Man \rightarrow Men$, Sheep \rightarrow Sheep
6	Some nouns always plural	Nouns that exist in plural form only	Scissors, Trousers, Spectacles
7	Some nouns always singular	Certain abstract/material nouns always used in singular	Advice, Furniture, Information
8	Collective nouns - singular/plural	Treated as singular or plural depending on context	The jury <i>is</i> (unity), The jury <i>are</i> (disagreement)
9	Proper nouns	Always capitalized, no article usually used	Ram, Delhi, Everest
10	Material nouns	No plural, no article usually; uncountable	Gold, Iron, Milk
11	Abstract nouns	Names of qualities, emotions, or concepts	Beauty, Honesty, Freedom
12	Nouns ending in -f/-fe → ves	Some change to -ves in plural	Knife → Knives, Wife → Wives (BUT Roof → Roofs)
13	Nouns ending in -o → s/es	Some add –es, some only –s	Hero \rightarrow Heroes, Photo \rightarrow Photos
14	Same form for singular & plural	No change in plural	Deer, Sheep, Aircraft
15	Possessive case	's for living things / time / personified objects	Ram's book, A year's time
16	Double possessive not used	Avoid using two apostrophes	X Ram's brother's car
17	Double noun subjects	When two nouns refer to the same person, use singular verb	The poet and philosopher is dead.
18	Nouns after 'many a' or 'each of'	Always followed by singular noun and singular verb	Many a student was late.
19	"One of the" rule	Always followed by plural noun	One of the boys is missing.
20	Abstract → countable sense exception	Abstract nouns can become countable if used in a specific sense	Many beauties of nature
21	Uncountable noun made countable	With "units" or "measures"	A glass of water, Two pieces of information
22	Use of Articles with Nouns	No article with proper/material/abstract nouns in general	X The gold is precious → √ Gold is precious
23	Nationality as singular noun	Country name = singular, nationality = adjective or plural people	India is a country. Indians are kind.
24	Gender specific nouns	Nouns with masculine/feminine forms	Actor \rightarrow Actress, Prince \rightarrow Princess
25	Compound nouns pluralized by first word	The main noun takes the plural form	Passers-by, Sisters-in-law
26	Numerical expressions	Expressions like 'hundred', 'dozen', 'thousand' do not take 's' when preceded by a number	Ten dozen eggs √ , Dozens of people √
27	Data, Media, Criteria - plural forms	These are plural of Datum, Medium, Criterion, but often used as singular in modern usage	Criteria are important (formal)