Study Sheet

• A noun names a person, place, thing or idea.

• Proper nouns refer to a specific idea or living or non-living thing and are capitalized. These include days of the week, months of the year, books, movies, places, musical compositions, magazines and more. Examples: Jane, Star Wars, Pride and Prejudice, Yellowstone Park, March, Friday, Girl Scouts, and the Statue of Liberty.

• Common nouns are everything else and are not capitalized. Examples: stream, air, boys, whale, and love.

• Countable nouns can be counted. Examples: cat, mile, jar, house, sack, cup, or moon.

• Uncountable nouns cannot be counted. Examples: air, happiness and peace.

• Collective nouns are a group of objects. Examples: family, families, school, team and herd.

• To be a concrete noun you need to be able to see it, smell it, hear it, taste it or touch it. Examples: flower, music, Niagara Falls, milk, car and Declaration of Independence.

• Abstract nouns name things you cannot see, smell, taste, hear or touch. They are emotions, ideas, concepts, tenets and beliefs. Examples: love, freedom, happiness and safety.

Quiz Questions

A. Collective Nouns

Directions: Underline the collective nouns in the following paragraph.

Hint: There are six.

My family went to the zoo on Monday. We saw a mob of people waiting to see a pride of lions. At noon, a marching band appeared on Main Street. Lunch was unpleasant because there was a swarm of flying insects around us. After that, we saw a tribe of baboons and some crazy monkeys.

B. Countable and Uncountable Nouns

Directions: Decide whether the underlined noun in the sentences is countable or uncountable. Put a “C” for countable and a “U” for uncountable.

1. ______ The cake needs more sugar.
2. ______ I own 10 cars.
3. ______ Look at all those geese.
4. ______ I see a herd of bison.
5. ______ Did you make the team?

C. Concrete and Abstract Nouns

Directions: Put a “C” for concrete and an “A” for abstract.

1. ______ cobbler
2. ______ sadness
3. ______ liberty
4. ______ butter
5. ______ intelligence
Quiz Answers

A. Collective Nouns

*Answers:*

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B. Countable and Uncountable Nouns

*Answers:*

1. _U_ The cake needs more sugar.
2. _C_ I own 10 cars.
3. _C_ Look at all those geese.
4. _U_ I see a herd of bison.
5. _U_ Did you make the team?

C. Concrete and Abstract Nouns

*Answers:*

1. _C_ cobbler
2. _A_ sadness
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4. _C_ butter
5. _A_ intelligence