Kinds of Nouns

A **common noun** names any one of a group of persons, places, things, or ideas.

A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, thing, or idea.

A **concrete noun** names a person, place, or thing that can be perceived by one or more of the senses (sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell).

An **abstract noun** names an idea, a feeling, a quality, or a characteristic.

A **collective noun** is a word that names a group.

A **compound noun** is made up of two or more words used together as a single noun.

**Exercise A**  Identify each of the following nouns. On the line provided, write **COM** for common noun or **PRO** for proper noun. Then, write **CON** for concrete noun or **ABS** for abstract noun.

**Example**  **COM, ABS** 1 honesty

___________ 1. Philadelphia

___________ 2. wisdom

___________ 3. Potomac River

___________ 4. freedom

___________ 5. airport

___________ 6. Thomas Jefferson

___________ 7. federalism

___________ 8. eagle

___________ 9. First Continental Congress

___________ 10. independence

**Exercise B**  Identify each of the following nouns. On the line provided, write **COLL** for collective noun or **COMP** for compound noun. Hint: One noun is both collective and compound.

**Example**  **COMP** 1. space shuttle

___________ 11. sister-in-law

___________ 12. family

___________ 13. Lake Ontario

___________ 14. houseboat

___________ 15. team

___________ 16. Super Bowl

___________ 17. Gulf of Mexico

___________ 18. self-respect

___________ 19. audience

___________ 20. Boston Pops Orchestra