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DEFINITIONS

Common Noun: a generic noun referring to a person, place, or thing

Proper Noun: a noun that refers to specific people, places, or things

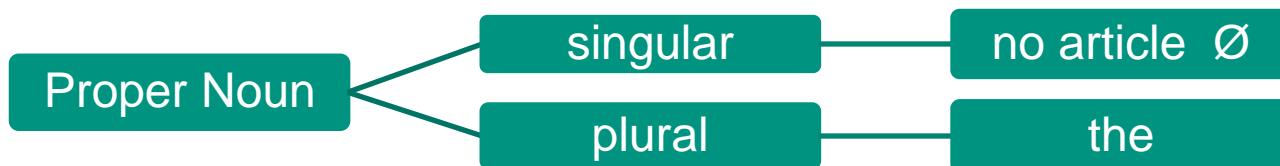
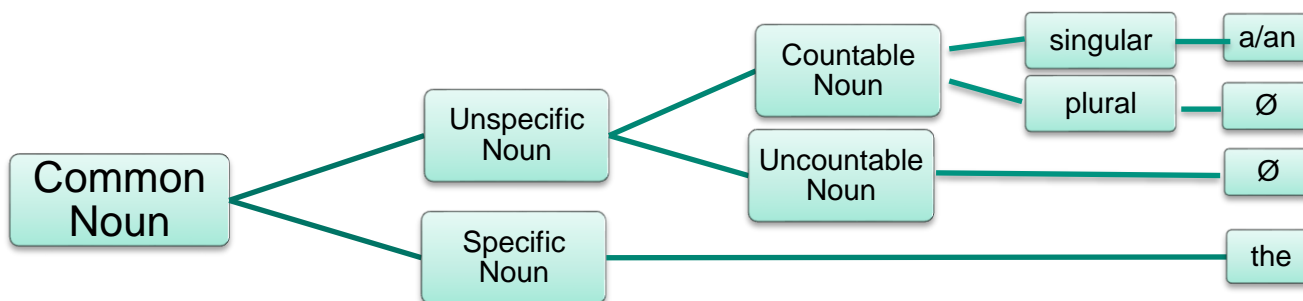
Specific Noun: a unique noun or a noun that has been explained with specific details; easily comprehended by the audience; has previously been identified in a text

Unspecific Noun: a noun that is not unique; refers to any number of identical nouns

Countable Noun: a noun that can be counted because it can be separated

Uncountable Noun: a noun that cannot be counted because it has an abstract quantity or exists as mass

ARTICLE SELECTION IMPACTS THE MEANING OF A WORD



Rules

SPECIFIC NOUN – use *the*

Examples:

- **The food** *that I purchased* was donated to the food bank
- **The moon** is full tonight.
- He found a cat in the garden. **The cat** was hungry.
- **The green container** was empty.

UNSPECIFIC UNCOUNTABLE NOUN – Ø

Examples:

- **Talent** comes naturally to some people
- The students received **information** from the course instructor.

UNSPECIFIC COUNTABLE SINGULAR NOUN – a, an

Examples:

- She is looking for **an apartment** in the downtown area.
- **A change** in the weather could impact the event.

UNSPECIFIC COUNTABLE PLURAL NOUN – Ø

Examples:

- **Passports** are required for entry into the country.
- **Tourists** travel to Newfoundland to experience **icebergs** and **whales**.

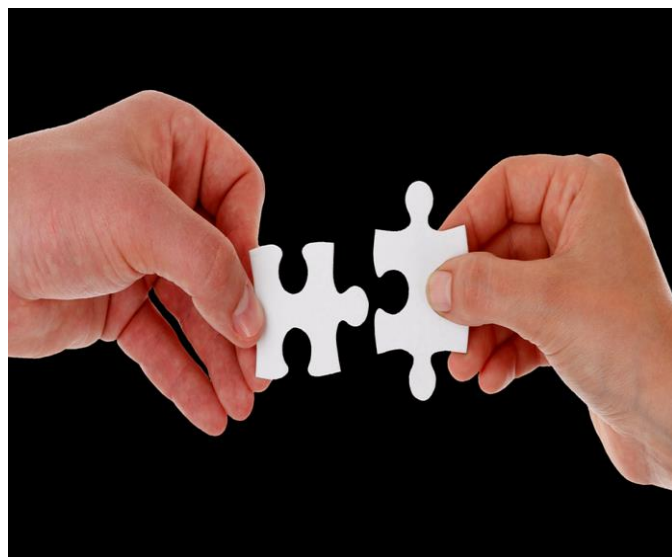
PROPER NOUN (SINGULAR) - Ø

Examples

- We traveled to Newfoundland.
- I registered for Memorial University.

PROPER NOUN (PLURAL) – use the

Examples



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