WHAT IS A NOUN?
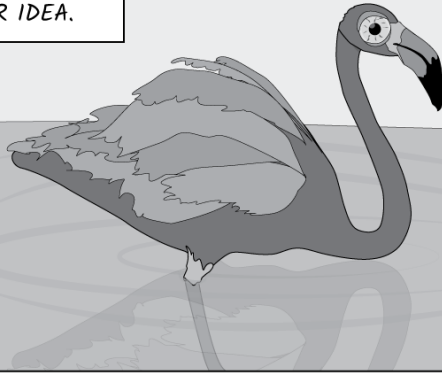
A *NOUN* IS A WORD THAT NAMES A PERSON, PLACE, THING, OR IDEA.

THE **FLAMINGO** GLARED AT **DOMINIC** FROM THE **WATER** OF **SARASOTA BAY**. HE COULDN'T DECIDE IF THE **BIRD** INSPIRED MORE **EXCITEMENT** OR **FEAR** IN HIM.

FLAMINGO, WATER, AND **BIRD** ARE THINGS,

AND **SARASOTA BAY** IS A PLACE.

DOMINIC IS A PERSON.

EXCITEMENT AND **FEAR** ARE IDEAS.

NOUNS CAN BE COMMON OR PROPER!

WRITE YOUR OWN EXAMPLES

PERSON:

PLACE:

THING:

IDEA:

WHAT IS A COMMON NOUN?

PERSON
firefighter

PLACE
outer space

A COMMON NOUN IS THE **GENERAL** — NOT SPECIFIC — NAME OF A PERSON, PLACE, THING, OR IDEA. COMMON NOUNS ARE USUALLY NOT CAPITALIZED.
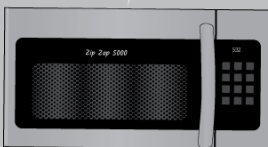
microwave
THING

confusion
IDEA

SASQUATCH DOESN'T UNDERSTAND!

WRITE YOUR OWN EXAMPLES OF COMMON NOUNS

PERSON:

PLACE:

THING:

IDEA:

WHAT IS A PROPER NOUN?
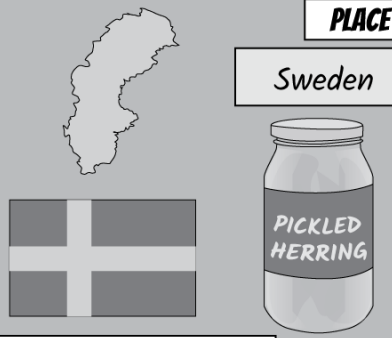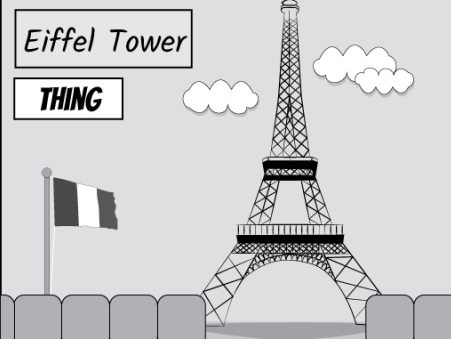
WRITE YOUR OWN EXAMPLES OF PROPER NOUNS

PERSON:

PLACE:

THING:

IDEA:

MORE COMMON NOUNS

Person – mother, adult, brother

Place – backyard, city, bedroom

Thing – airplane, oven mitts, stockings

Idea – economics, elation, sadness

MORE PROPER NOUNS

Person – Cardi B, Zac Efron, Grandpa Dave

Place – Lake Michigan, Grand Cayman, San Francisco

Thing – Mount Rushmore, Christmas, The Avengers

Idea – Impressionism, Age of Enlightenment, Judaism