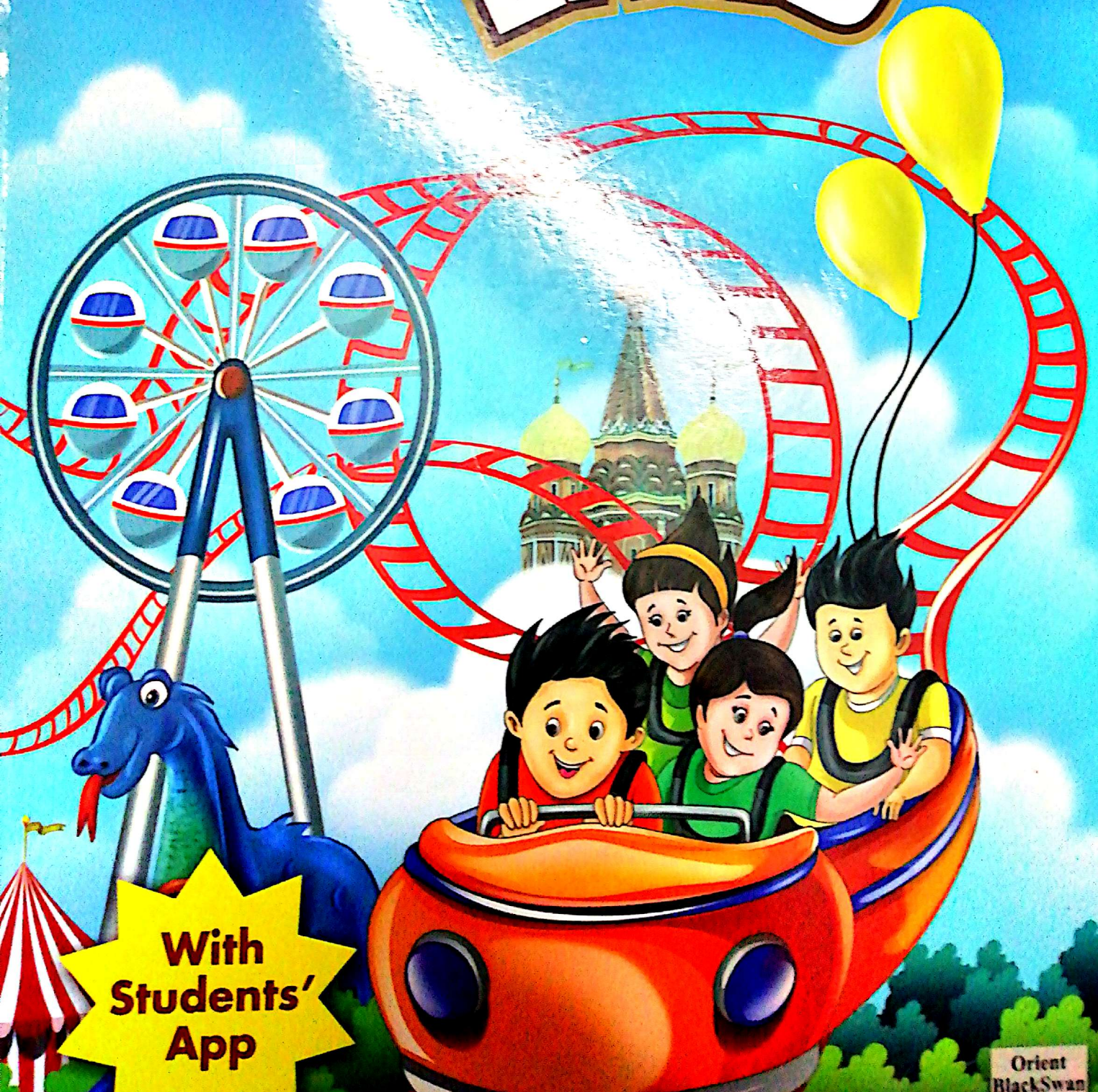


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- A** Identify the correct common noun for the list of proper nouns given in column A. Write person/place/language/day/month/book.

A	B
1. Kolkata	place
2. The Jungle Book	BOOK
3. German	language/person
4. Mohan	person
5. August	month
6. Saturday	day
7. Paris	place
8. Sanskrit	



Singular and Plural Nouns

A **singular noun** refers to only one person, place or thing.

A **plural noun** refers to more than one person, place or thing.

- B** Circle the singular nouns and underline the plural nouns in these sentences.

1. The boy has two apples.
2. Close the windows, but leave the door open.
3. The bicycles have fallen into the river.
4. The cat has frightened the pigeons.
5. Put your toys away in the cupboard.
6. There are lots of hills in this part of the country.
7. My sister has gone to buy some balloons.



Regular and Irregular Plurals

Plurals are of two kinds—regular and irregular. Nouns that form plurals by adding **-s** or **-es** are called **regular plurals**. However, some nouns form plurals by changing their spelling. They are called **irregular plurals**.



C Write the plural forms of these nouns.

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. branch | branches |
| 2. splash | splashes |
| 3. potato | potatoes |
| 4. memento | mementoes |
| 5. city | cities |
| 6. dwarf | dwarfs |
| 7. shorts | shorts |
| 8. knife | knives |
| 9. wolf | wolves |
| 10. pony | ponies |
| 11. scissors | scissors |
| 12. fox | foxes |
| 13. hoof | hoofs/hooves |
| 14. army | armies |



D Choose the correct words from the brackets to complete these sentences.

- Four oxen (oxes/oxen) are grazing on that field.
- These shelves (shelves/shelves) in the kitchen need to be cleaned.
- We took many photos (photos/photos) on our vacation.



F Complete these sentences with the singular or plural forms of the nouns in brackets.

1. We have music class (class) for an hour (hour) every day.
2. Delhi and Mumbai are two big cities (city) in India.
3. We saw some beautiful sketches (sketch) of the famous artist.
4. Neeraj was a tall thin boy who wore glasses (glass).
5. The men hung their trousers (trouser) on a hook.
6. These photos (photo) were taken in the studio (studio).
7. The road (road) was crowded and the vehicles (vehicle) were moving at a slow pace.



G Complete this passage with the singular or plural forms of the words given in brackets.

Ali was going to the supermarket. He asked his sister Noor if she wanted him to get anything from the supermarket. "Yes, I do," said Noor, "Please get me a box of matches (match). I need them for a science project." "Anything else?" asked Ali. He knew his sister was in the habit of remembering things only after he left.

"Oh, yes," continued Noor, "Now that you ask me, I do need some candles (candle) and a bar of soap (soap), two boxes (box) of pencils and a dozen handkerchiefs (handkerchief). Some mangoes (mango) and strawberries (strawberry) would be nice, too. Well, that's all for today."



"Are you sure, Noor?" "Yes, I am...but wait. I've just remembered. Could you also get me some pastries (pastry), two loaves (loaf) of bread and a dozen eggs (egg) as well."

"Yes, sure," said Ali as he left home with a smile.

DIY Exercise

H.W.

**Match the nouns with the correct endings to make them plural.
Then, write them in the spaces provided.**

song

life

ferry

sandwich

pathway

-s

-es

-ies

-ves

wash

lorry

volcano

scarf

factory

- 1.
- 3.
- 5.
- 7.
- 9.

- 2.
- 4.
- 6.
- 8.
- 10.

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Abstract and Collective Nouns



Abstract Nouns

An **abstract noun** is the name of a quality, action or state.

- **kindness** → quality
- **laughter** → action
- **childhood** → state



An abstract noun stands for something that cannot be seen, touched or smelt. It does not exist physically in the world around us. Abstract nouns are formed from adjectives, verbs and common nouns.

Here is a table with more examples of abstract nouns.

Abstract nouns formed from adjectives	Adjectives	Abstract nouns
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brave • good • wise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bravery • goodness • wisdom
Abstract nouns formed from verbs	Verbs	Abstract nouns
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • thief • judge • move 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • theft • judgement • movement
Abstract nouns formed from common nouns	Common nouns	Abstract nouns
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boy • slave • friend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boyhood • slavery • friendship