

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
CLASS VI**

TOPIC - NOUNS

SYNOPSIS

- Nouns are names of people, places, animals, things, ideas and feelings.
- There are four kinds of nouns:-
 1. Proper Nouns - These are the names of specific people, places, animals or things. E.g :- Rohit, Kolkata, Willy. Proper Nouns always begin with a capital letter.
 2. Common nouns - These are the names of people, places, animals or things in general. E.g :- girl, man, river.
 3. Collective Nouns:- These a collection of a group of people, animal or things. E.g :- a bunch of keys, a fleet of ships,,
 4. Abstract Nouns - These nouns denote an idea, quality or a state of being. E.g:- love, bravery, sincerity.

- Some nouns can be counted while others cannot be counted.
- Nouns that cannot be counted are caledl uncountable nouns. E.g :- water, sugar, grass.
- Nouns that can be counted are called countable nouns. E.g :- table, tree, fan.
- A noun that denotes one person or thing is said to be in the singular number. E.g :- flower, house, sister.
- A noun is in the plural number if it denotes more than one person or thing. E.g :- flowers, houses, sisters.

- A compound noun is a noun made of two or more words.
- E.g :- bedroom (one word)
 bus stop (two words)
 son-in-law (hyphenated)

- Gender : There are four kinds of gender.
 1. Masculine gender : A noun which is used for a male person or a male animal. E.g :-father, manservant.
 2. Feminine gender : A noun which is used for a female person or a female animal. E.g :- mother,maidservant.
 3. Neuter gender : Non-living things cannot be distinguished as male or female. E.g :- table, water.
 4. Common gender : Nouns that can be used for both males and females are said to be in the common gender. E.g :- parent, child.

1. Fill in the blanks with suitable nouns :

- a) You must always speak the _____.
- b) Solomon was famous for his _____.
- c) _____ is my youngest sister.
- d) _____ make their nest in trees.
- e) The _____ is the king of the Jungle.
- f) _____ is a precious metal.

2. Pick out the nouns in the following sentences and state whether they are proper, common, collective or abstract nouns :-

- a) He gave me a bunch of grapes.
- b) Honesty is the best policy.
- c) Greenland is the largest island.
- d) He owns a fleet of cars.
- e) Kolkata is a beautiful city.
- f) Cleanliness is next to godliness.

3. Do the following exercises in your Grammar with a Smile Book.

- a) Exercise B on page 13.
- b) Exercise D on page 16.
- c) Exercise H on page 19.
- d) Exercise K on page 20.