

## What is a noun?

A **noun** is a person, a place, a thing, an idea or a concept. For example:

- Person: the postman, a teacher, Tom, a neighbour.
- Place: a village, England, Edinburgh, a street, a park.
- Thing: a box, a banana, a computer.
- Idea or concept: beauty, information, importance.

The **subject** of a sentence is always a noun:

The **park** is near my house. ('Park' goes with the verb 'is'.)

The **object** of the sentence is also a noun:

I like **chocolate**. ('Chocolate' is not doing the liking, it is liked.)

Nouns can be **singular** (there is one thing):

My **desk** is near the window.

Or they can be **plural** (there is more than one thing):

There are not enough **desks** in the office.

Plurals usually end in 's' but are sometimes irregular:

man - men

person - people

child - children