

# Noun Squares

## Objective

To identify various kinds of nouns

## Players

2 or more

## You will need

Large sheets of paper; pens or fine-tip markers (use a different color for each player); egg timer, or a clock or watch with a second hand

Letters of your first name---->					
Common nouns					
Proper nouns					
Abstract nouns					
Collective or compound nouns					
Plural nouns					
Possessive nouns					

## Before playing

- Players choose one person to be the judge and timekeeper.
- Each player copies onto a large sheet of paper the noun grid shown. Grid should be large enough to fit several nouns in each box. Players fill in the letters of their first name at the top of the grid. (Players with a long first name should add extra columns to their grids.)

## How to play

1. Each period of play lasts three minutes. The judge keeps track of the time.
2. When the judge says to begin, players write nouns in as many grid boxes as they can within the time limit. Players write common nouns in row 2, proper nouns in row 3, and so on. The nouns in each column must begin with the letter written at the top of the column. Players may fill in their noun squares in any order.
3. When the judge calls time, each player passes his or her grid to the player on the right, and another period of play begins. Players may add nouns to boxes that have already been filled in, as well as write nouns in empty boxes.
4. Play continues until each player has written on the grid at least once or until all the grids have at least one noun written in each box.

## Scoring

Players receive one point for each correctly spelled noun. The judge checks spelling and decides whether the nouns fit the categories specified.