

Noun Draw

Objective

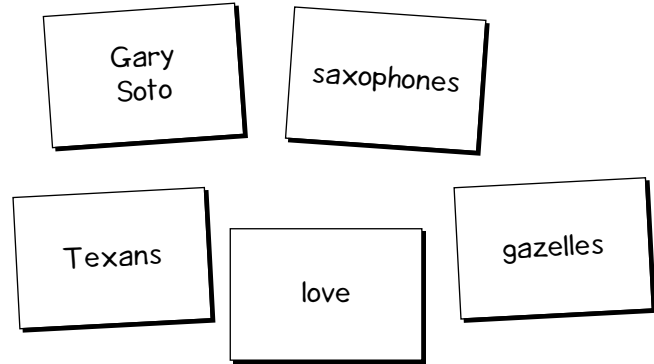
To identify different types of nouns

Players

Any even number

You will need

40 index cards and one sheet of paper for each team, pencils for each player



Before playing

- Players divide into pairs.
- Each pair works together to write four examples of each of the following types of nouns: common compound, proper compound, common collective, proper collective, common plural, proper plural, common possessive, proper possessive, common abstract, proper abstract. Each pair has the teacher check its list to make sure all nouns are correctly grouped. Then players copy each noun onto a separate card. They do not identify the type of noun on the card.

How to play

1. Shuffle the cards and deal five cards to each player. Put the remaining cards facedown in a pile between the two players.
2. Player 1 asks for a card to match one of his or hers. For example, if Player 1 has a card that says *Boston Symphony Orchestra*, that player will ask for another “proper collective noun.” (Note: The rules of this game are very similar to the rules for the card game “Go Fish.”)
3. If Player 2 has the requested card, he or she must give it to Player 1, and Player 1 gets another turn. If Player 2 does not have the card requested, he or she says *draw*, and Player 1 draws from the pile.
4. Play continues with Player 2.
5. Players set pairs of the same type of noun to the side, separate from other players’ pairs.
6. Play continues until one player’s hand is empty.

Scoring

Players count their pairs and check each other’s to make sure each pair is correct. (Players may need to consult a dictionary to check common compound nouns.) The player with more correct pairs wins the game.