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**Lesson 10.5.1 Nouns**

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**EXERCISE 1 Recognizing Nouns**

In each sentence below, underline common nouns once. Underline proper nouns twice.

**EXAMPLE** The United States Patent and Trademark Office, an agency of the Department of Commerce, grants patents and registers trademarks.

1. The headquarters of the office in Alexandria, Virginia, houses the National Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum.
2. Visitors enter the museum through the atrium of the Madison Building on Dulany Street.
3. The King Street Metro Station and the Eisenhower Avenue Metro Station are close to the museum.
4. Exhibits include a gallery in which electronic portraits of famous people, such as President James Madison and inventor Thomas Alva Edison, interact.
5. Offices within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office include the Patent Office, the Trademark Office, and additional offices that perform specific functions.

**EXERCISE 2 Classifying Nouns**

In each sentence below, underline any examples of the type of noun indicated in the parentheses following the sentence.

**EXAMPLE** The agency advises members of the executive branch about matters relating to intellectual property. (abstract compound)

1. How does the Patent Office protect and promote innovation and creativity? (abstract common)
2. The agency's Web site defines intellectual property as "an asset just like your home, your car, or your savings account bank book." (concrete compound)
3. There are three broad categories of patents: Utility patents protect a host of machines, processes, and objects; design patents protect original product designs; and plant patents protect invented or discovered plant varieties. (collective)
4. Companies can renew trademarks for as long as they use such trademarks, and copyrights last for the life of the author plus fifty years. (compound)
5. The fourteen agencies within the Department of Commerce range from the Bureau of the Census to the National Weather Service. (proper collective)

Remember that **abstract nouns** are ideas and things that a person can never touch. If at any time you can perceive what the noun names through your senses, the noun is **concrete**.