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Lesson 11.5.1 Nouns

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Exercise 1 Recognizing NounsWrite each noun in the sentences below, and label it as *C* (common) or *P* (proper).**EXAMPLE** The Pilgrims were members of a religious group who wanted to separate themselves from the Church of England.**Pilgrims—P; members—C; group—C; Church of England—P**

1. These Separatists first went to Holland, a Protestant country, where they believed they would be able to practice their religion freely.

2. After they settled in the Dutch city of Leiden, they signed a covenant—an agreement to form their own church.

3. Although the Separatists had been farmers in England, they discovered that farmland near their adopted home was too expensive.

4. Because they lived among strangers, their children grew up speaking Dutch instead of English.

5. For many reasons, the Pilgrims decided to abandon Europe and seek a new life in America.

Exercise 2 Classifying Nouns

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

EXAMPLE The Pilgrims sought a warm climate, and their first choice was the Virginia Colony. (abstract)

Remember to consult the dictionary to find out if a compound noun is hyphenated (city-state), written as one word (stonework), or written as two words (upper class, African American, North America).

1. To fund their voyage, the Pilgrims went to the Virginia Company, a group of investors in London. (collective and common)
2. On September 16, 1620, the Pilgrims' ship, the *Mayflower*, began the long journey across the Atlantic. (concrete and common).
3. Living conditions were difficult, and the venture's outcome was uncertain. (compound)
4. The Pilgrims were strengthened by their belief in God and their faith in their mission. (abstract)
5. Blown far north by a storm, the *Mayflower* made landfall not in Virginia, but at Cape Cod. (compound).