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Lesson 12.5.1 Nouns

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EXERCISE 1 Identifying Nouns

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

EXAMPLE The group that pushed for a large park in New York City had admired public grounds in Paris and London. (collective and common)

Proper nouns name a particular person, place, or thing, and they are capitalized. Some proper nouns contain two or more words, and some are titles.

Example:

Mr. Jackson is flying to *New York* to visit the *Metropolitan Museum of Art*. He wants to see *Water Lilies*, a painting by *Monet*.

- Many wealthy New Yorkers felt that such a park was needed to help the city establish a positive reputation. (abstract)
- Poet-editor William Cullen Bryant and landscape architect Andrew Jackson Downing proposed a park to counter the increasing urbanization of Manhattan. (proper)
- In 1853, the state legislature decided to create the park by taking over more than seven hundred acres of land in Manhattan. (compound)
- At the time, the proposed park area included bluffs, swamplands, hovels, farms, shanties, roaming livestock, and open sewers. (concrete noun phrases)
- The legislature bought most of the park's land for about \$5,000,000 in 1856. (collective)
- Though most of the land was unsuitable for development, about sixteen hundred poor residents were living on the land in shanties. (abstract)
- Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux created a plan for the park that took advantage of its natural features. (proper)
- The pair submitted its plan to a competition; a committee selected the first-place design from thirty-three submissions, and Olmsted and Vaux won a \$2,000 prize. (collective and common)
- As the park's architect, Olmsted wanted to use art as a means of improving nature to create a beautiful space and functional playground for residents. (compound)
- Did you know that *Central Park* is the title of a well-known painting by Maurice Prendergast? (compound and proper)

EXERCISE 2 Using Nouns

Fill in the blanks about a famous or favorite park using the type of noun indicated.

¹ One of the most beautiful parks is _____ [proper] in _____ [proper]. ² There are _____ [common] and _____ [common] throughout the park. ³ I have seen a _____ [collective] playing _____ [compound] in the afternoons, and I once spotted _____ [proper], _____ [noun phrase] near the _____ [concrete]. ⁴ Strolling through _____ [proper] on a _____ [noun phrase] fills me with _____ [abstract].