

Unit 1: Parts of Speech [2]

Exercise 2: concrete nouns and abstract nouns.

A **concrete noun** names an object that occupies space or can be recognized by any of the senses.

grass apple odor stars actor

An **abstract noun** names an idea, a quality, or a characteristic.

beauty splendor poverty anger success

Tick Con. for concrete nouns and Abs. for abst noun for the underlined words

The **flowers** were a complete surprise.

Con. ✓

Abst.

The flowers were a complete **surprise**.

Con.

Abst. ✓

1. His **honesty** impressed the members of the jury.
2. **Carolyn** is seeking compensation for her invention.
3. My diary contains no **secrets**.
4. **People** gathered around the stage in amazement.
5. We have **plans** to celebrate the victory.
6. Rita's **notion** of fairness is based on principle.
7. Mrs. **Sanchez** built a generator just for this experiment.
8. Freida made every **effort** to win the race.
9. Sherry can speak **French**, but Alicia knows both French and Spanish.
10. I finally understand the **meaning** of that song.
11. Juan has written an intriguing **short** story.
12. **Talia** listens to her favorite rock music on the radio.
13. Earl expressed **curiosity** about the plot of the novel.
14. With a little luck, **Stan** will get loge tickets to the concert.
15. Dwayne received an **award** for his devotion to this cause.