Unit 1: Parts of Speech [3]

Nouns: Proper and Common

A **proper noun** is the name of a specific person, place, or thing. Proper nouns are capitalized. A **common noun** refers to persons, places, or things in general.

PROPER NOUNS	COMMON NOUNS
Person: George Washington	president
Place: Sahara	desert
Thing: Iguanodon	dinosaur
Idea: Renaissance	thought

Exercise 3: proper nouns and common nouns:

Tick Prop. for proper nouns and com. for common nouns for the underlined words

e.g.

Europeans came to America in ships.	Prop.
Europeans came to **America** in ships.	Prop.
Europeans came to America in **ships**.	Com.

1. The vast **Atlantic** separates Europe from America.

2. After the Revolution, the United States attracted more and more **people**.

3. Most of the new **arrivals** settled in New England.

4. Many people chose to live near the **water**.

5. Area merchants knew that money was to be made in **trade**.

6. Residents of seaports, such as **Salem**, Massachusetts, built many ships.

7. Americans built their sailing craft with **pride**.

8. **Designers** created many new ships.

9. These new ships could sail as far as **China**.

10. Young people were attracted to the adventure of the **oceans**.

11. Nathaniel **Brown** Palmer was born in the late eighteenth century.

12. His **father** designed and built ships.

13. Young **Nat** grew up with knowledge of the sea.

14. He became a captain at the age of **eighteen**.

15. Three years later he made a **discovery**.

16. He was the first **person** to sight Antarctica.

17. Later, he supplied weapons to **Simón** Bolívar.

18. Bolívar is known as the liberator of **South America**.

19. Nat **Palmer** then became captain of a packet ship.

20. Packet ships were forerunners of the **clippers**.

21. Clippers are the most famous type of sailing **ships**.

22. **Nat Palmer** designed better and better packet ships.

23. **Palmer** sailed these ships to Europe and back.

24. His business partner was Edward **Knight** Collins.

25. **Collins** designed flat-bottomed sailing ships.

26. The new models carried larger **cargoes**.

27. Profits rose for Collins and **Palmer**.

28. Other merchants started copying the new **ships**.

29. Abbot Low and his brothers opened trade routes to **China**.

30. The Americans and the Chinese were trading partners for a **century**.

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