

# Common vs. proper nouns

## Exercise 1

Complete the sentences with the same word. Capitalize the proper noun. \_\_\_\_

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*mountains*

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*university*

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*express*

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*captain*

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*coast*

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# Proper nouns with 'the' / without 'the'

## Exercise 2

Complete the sentences with 'the' where necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

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..... Malaysia is a country lying just north of ..... Equator.

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..... Missouri River is the longest river and ..... Lake Superior is the largest lake in ..... USA.

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