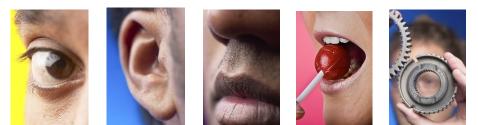
THE CONCRETE NOUN

Recognize a concrete noun when you find one.

Nouns name people, places, and things. One class of nouns is *concrete*. You can experience this group of nouns with your five senses: you *see* them, *hear* them, *smell* them, *taste* them, and *feel* them.



Can see

Can hear

Can smell Can taste

Can touch

Read this example:

Reliable, Diane's beagle, licked strawberry ice cream off her chin.

Ice cream, for example, is a concrete noun. You can *see* the pink. You can *taste* the berry flavor. You can *feel* your tongue growing numb from the cold. Any noun that you can experience with at least *one* of your five senses is a concrete noun.

Do not confuse a concrete noun with an abstract noun.

Not all nouns are concrete. A second class of nouns is abstract. You cannot experience **abstract nouns** with your senses.

Read this example:

Diane pushed Reliable off her lap to register her disapproval.

Disapproval is an example of an abstract noun. What color is disapproval? You do not know because you cannot *see* it. What texture is disapproval? Who knows? You cannot *touch* it. What flavor is disapproval? No clue! You cannot *taste* it! Does it make a *sound*? Of course not! Does it *smell*? Not a bit!

CONCRETE NOUNS	Abstract Nouns
student	intelligence
fire fighter	bravery
pencil	eloquence
computer	convenience
road	adventure
toddler	boisterousness
money	freedom
yardstick	precision
egg	potential
sponge	cleanliness

Review this chart contrasting concrete and abstract nouns:



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