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## Sort and Explain - Common vs. Proper Nouns

**Directions** - The school lost-and-found box has a list of items that were logged by the office, but they mixed up their labels. Your job is to sort each noun into the correct category: **Common Noun or Proper Noun**. Then write a short explanation for **why** each belongs in that category.



### Lost-and-Found Noun List

1. jennifer (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
2. pencil (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
3. mount everest (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
4. restaurant (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
5. taco bell (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
6. president lincoln (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
7. river (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
8. amazon (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
9. holiday (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
10. thanksgiving (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
11. book (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
12. charlotte's web (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
13. city (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
14. boston (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_
15. mr. thomas (Common or Proper) Why? \_\_\_\_\_