Lesson 1- Nouns in English

What are Nouns?

A noun is a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea.

Examples

Person: teacher, scientist, Ahmed

Place: city, library, Paris

Thing: book, computer, car

Idea: freedom, honesty, happiness

Types of Nouns

Common vs. Proper Nouns

Common nouns: general names

City, country, girl, month

Proper nouns: specific names (capitalized)

Algeria, London, Ramadan, Sarah

Concrete vs. Abstract Nouns

Concrete nouns: things you can see or touch

Chair, apple, cat

Abstract nouns: ideas or qualities

Love, courage, intelligence

Countable vs. Uncountable Nouns

Countable: can be counted; have singular/plural forms

One apple → two apples

Uncountable: cannot be counted individually

Milk, information, advice

(We use some, much, a little, a piece of, etc. with uncountables.)

Collective Nouns

Words that name a group.

Team, family, committee, audience

Singular and Plural Nouns

Most nouns form the plural by adding -s / -es:

Book → books, bus → buses

Irregular plurals:

Child → children, tooth → teeth