

Nouns Lesson 7.1

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Proper nouns

always begin with

capital letters.

Exercise 1 Recognizing Nouns

Underline each common noun in the sentences below. Circle each proper noun.

- **1.** Ancient Egyptians made boats out of strong reeds.
- **2.** Later, Egypt imported wood from Lebanon to build better ships.
- **3.** A ship used for the funeral of one ruler was 167 feet long.
- **4.** The ruler Cheops was the builder of the Great Pyramid.
- **5.** Explorers from Asia paddled canoes across the Pacific Ocean.
- **6.** The Arabs had many skills in shipbuilding and navigation.
- **7.** Arabs built large ships with triangular sails and two masts. **8.** Marco Polo wrote about the huge ships he saw in China.
- **9.** These vessels, called junks, had flat bottoms.
- **10.** The Chinese used bamboo to keep the sails stiff.

EXERCISE 2 Revising Sentences

Rewrite each sentence below, replacing each underlined common noun with one or more proper nouns. You may add or delete other words as necessary.

EXAMPLE My friend and I went boating every day at camp.

Tony and I went boating every day at Camp Raven.

- **1.** It is located north of the <u>city</u> on the <u>lake</u>. **2.** One <u>day</u> we rowed to a spot near the <u>island</u>. **3.** Our counselor let us use the boat that belonged to the camp's owners. **4.** They bought the boat last month at a store on the river.
- **5.** As we rowed back, we listened to music by two <u>singers</u>.