Nouns Reference Sheet

This table presents types of nouns in one possible order of instruction. Nouns should be taught and practiced over the course of many grade levels.

Type of Noun	Description	Examples
Common Nouns	General names for persons, places, or things (Some things can be touched; others are ideas.)	*girl, boy, man, woman, bus driver, teacher, school, home, yard, bedroom, book, hat, plant, dream, wish*
Regular Plural Nouns	Plural nouns that name "more than one" through the addition of *-s* or *-es* • Add *-s* for most words. • Add *-es* for words ending in *s, x, z, ch*, or *sh*. • Drop *-y* and add *-ies* for words ending in a consonant + *y*.	*teachers, schools, books, dreams* *boxes, buses, wishes, sandwiches* *penny, pennies; baby, babies*
Irregular Plural Nouns	Nouns whose plural form is not made by adding *-s* or *-es*	*foot/feet; tooth/teeth; man/men; woman/women; mouse/mice; child/children; fish/fish*
Proper Nouns	Names for a particular person, place, or thing • Capitalized • Includes names of days, months, holidays, products, teams, organizations, and geographic locations.	*Ana, Todd, Mr. Jim, Mrs. Patel, Fido, New York, Main Street, Lake Alice, Mount Everest, the Olympics, Little League, the White House, Monday, January*
Possessive Nouns	Nouns that show ownership, or "who owns it" • For singular nouns, both common and proper, add *'s*. • For plural nouns ending in an *s*, add an apostrophe only. • For collective nouns or irregular plurals not ending in an *s*, add *'s*.	*boy's coat, boss's coat, Kareem's coat, Agnes's coat* *boys' coats, plants' stems* *children's coats, mice's fur*
Collective Nouns	A name for a group of people or animals	*family, class, team, group, flock, herd*