

## *Parts of Speech*

### 1. Nouns:

Nouns are words that identify a person, an animal, a place, a thing or an idea what makes of nouns one of the most important parts of speech.

*Examples of nouns:*

- ❖ **Persons:** nouns that name people such as .....
- ❖ **Animals:** such as .....
- ❖ **Places:** nouns also name places such as .....
- ❖ **Things:** There are many words that name things around us. Indeed, anything that you see, you touch or you feel such .....  
They are known, also, as **concret nouns**.
- ❖ **Ideas:** are for things that we can't actually see or touch, for example, .....  
They are known, also, as **abstract nouns**.

### 1.2. Common and Proper Nouns:

- ❖ **Proper Nouns:** are nouns that are special which are given for specific things. Therefore, they are always beginning with a capital letter, for example, Quran, Mercedes, Gibson. However, in other cases, proper nouns can contain two or more important words such as Big Ben, Central Park Zoo, World War Two.
- ❖ **Common Nouns:** are nouns that are general (not specific) or can belong to more than one item. For example, a kid, an ocean.... Since these nouns are not naming anything special (specific), they don't need to start with a capital letter unless they begin the sentence.

**Exercise:** complete the following table

| <b>Common nouns</b> | <b>Proper nouns</b>            |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>man</b>          |                                |
|                     | Atlantic Ocean , Pacific Ocean |
|                     | USA, Japan                     |
| <b>building</b>     |                                |
| <b>cat</b>          |                                |
| <b>painter</b>      |                                |
| <b>book</b>         |                                |
|                     | Africa, Europe                 |
|                     | February                       |
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