

# Grammar Assignment: Week 1 (Assignment 1)

- Noun:** a word that names a person, place, or thing. Nouns name things that can be seen and touched as well as those that cannot be seen and touches.
- Concrete Noun:** a person, place, or thing that can be touched and/or seen (Ex: car, human, dog)
- Abstract Noun:** an idea or thing that **cannot** be touched and/or seen (Ex: love, understanding, humor)
- Common Noun:** names any one of a class of people, places, or things (Ex: school, restaurant, street)
- Proper Noun:** names a specific person, place, or thing (Ex: Van Nuys High School, McDonalds, Sepulveda Blvd.)

**Directions:** Your task is to identify all of the concrete nouns, abstract nouns, common nouns, and proper nouns in the next fifteen sentences. Identify the proper nouns by underlining them, and identify the common nouns by circling them. Once they have been identified as either common or proper, designate whether each of the nouns is abstract or concrete by placing a “C” or an “A” above the noun.

- 1) He who falls today may rise tomorrow.
- 2) The rich person is richer when he becomes poor, than the poor person when he becomes rich.
- 3) Did you know that when you lie down on the land, you can feel it breath?
- 4) The August sun promised a dry afternoon in Augascalientes, Mexico.
- 5) After their Quinceaneras, they would be old enough to be courted, marry, and become las patronas, the heads of their households.

- 6) **Tomorrow was her birthday and she knew that she would be serenaded at sunrise.**
- 7) **Several years ago, when Esperanza was a young girl, Mama and Papa had been discussing boys from “good families” whom Esperanza should meet someday.**
- 8) **Right now you are in the bottom of the valley and your problems loom big around you. But soon, you will be at the top of the mountain again.**
- 9) **Sadness and anger tangled in Esperanza’s stomach as she thought of all that she was leaving: her friends and her school, her life as it once was, and Abuelita.**
- 10) **And what is your purpose for entering the United States?**
- 11) **Esperanza tried to imagine conditions that were more shabby than this room that was covered in newspapers to keep out the wind.**
- 12) **That night, no one mentioned the number of rinsed and wrung diapers in the washtub outside the door.**
- 13) **She should be in the hospital. She’s very weak but more than that, she is depressed and needs nursing around the clock if she is to get stronger.**
- 14) **Isabel had nothing, but she also had everything. Esperanza wanted what she had. She wanted so few worries that something as simple as a yarn doll would make her happy.**
- 15) **Esperanza reached for Miguel’s hand and found it, and even though her mind was soaring to infinite possibilities, his touch held her to the earth.**

