



Latin Saying

Veni, vidi, vici

– I came, I saw, I conquered.
(Julius Caesar)

Lesson – Proper Nouns

A **proper noun** is a noun that names a *specific* person, place, or thing.

(Nouns that are not **proper nouns** are called “common nouns.” The nouns we have learned about so far are common nouns.)

Example: **girl**

The noun **girl** can refer to any girl. **Girl** is a **common noun**.

The noun **Sylvia** refers only to the girl named Sylvia.

Sylvia is a **proper noun**.

An easy way to recognize a proper noun is by a **CAPITAL LETTER** for the first letter of the word.

Note: a common noun may have a capital first letter if it is at the beginning of a sentence, but, if it doesn't refer to a specific person, place, or thing, it is still a common noun.

Let's think of some other noun/proper noun pairs.

Common Noun

Proper Noun

country

Italy

state

Tennessee

girl

Sarah Hughes

boy

Julius Caesar

book

Prima Latina

game

Monopoly



Vocabulary

Notice the capital letters.

1. Roma	Rome
2. Italia	Italy
3. Maria	Mary
4. Marcus	Mark
5. Hispania	Spain

Latin Prayers (The Table Blessing)

Benedic, Domine, nos

et haec Tua dona
quae de Tua largitate
sumus sumpturi.
Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

-- Bless us, O Lord,

-- and these Your gifts
-- which from Your bounty
-- we are about to receive.
-- through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Derivatives

Roman

-- having to do with Rome (adj.)

Italian

-- having to do with Italy (adj.)

Spanish

-- having to do with Spain (adj.)

Hispanic

-- a Latin-American person who lives in the U.S. (n.)



Review Questions

What kind of word is each of the following: noun, verb, or proper noun?

1. bird _____
2. jump _____
3. Rome _____
4. love _____
5. Mary _____

Lesson 11 Questions

1. A noun that names a specific person, place, or thing is called a _____ noun.
2. List three Latin proper nouns you know. _____, _____, _____
3. What is an easy way to recognize a proper noun? _____
4. Write a proper noun for each of the following nouns.

- boy _____
- restaurant _____
- book _____
- city _____

Translate

1. Roma _____
2. Maria _____
3. Hispania _____
4. Jesus _____
5. Italia _____

Speaking Latin

- Say each vocabulary word and its meaning five times. Practice your pronunciation.
- Practice saying the Practical Latin saying, “Veni, vidi, vici” each time you accomplish something difficult.
- Practice saying the Latin Prayer from Lesson 11, the Table Blessing, before your mealtime prayer.



Write and Learn

1. Write each vocabulary word and its meaning twice.

1.	_____	_____
	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Fun Practice

Write a list of ten common nouns. Match each with an appropriate proper noun.

	Common Noun	Proper Noun
Example	city	Atlanta
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____