

Clowning Around With Nouns

Ladies and gentlemen...and children of all ages! Welcome to the greatest part of speech of them all—nouns!

What Is a Noun?

Introduce your youngsters to the wide world of **nouns** by sharing *A Mink, a Fink, a Skating Rink: What Is a Noun?* by Brian P. Cleary. This read-aloud's clever rhymes will help students identify nouns and see that they are, indeed, everywhere. Follow up by teaching students the nifty little song (right), sung to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot."

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What Is a Noun?

A noun is a fine word.
Yes sirree!
A person, a place,
Or an object you see.
Can you paint a picture of the word?
If you can, it's a noun you've heard!

A Rainbow of Nouns

Add a splash of color to your study of **nouns**, and create a striking word bank for students to use in their creative writing! First, divide children into six groups, and assign each group a color of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, or violet (purple). Have each group

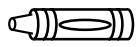
brainstorm and name nouns that are its assigned color while a recorder lists them on a sheet of paper.

After you check each list for spelling, provide each group with construction paper in its assigned color. Instruct the children in each group to trace hand shapes on their paper, label each shape with a noun from the list, and then cut out all of the shapes. Use these cut-outs to create a rainbow of nouns on a bulletin board or wall space. A pot of gold... filled to the brim with nouns!

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Balancing Bear



Color the rhyming pictures the same color on each ball.

