

# Common and Proper Nouns – Monday

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Underline the common nouns. Circle the proper nouns.

It was a beautiful November afternoon. Mr. Williams was driving down Harding Highway in his Hummer full of penguins - penguins sticking out the windows, penguins coming out the sunroof, penguins everywhere. Officer Smith pulled Mr. Williams over and told him if he didn't want a ticket, he'd better take those penguins straight to the Philadelphia Zoo. Mr. Williams promised he would and drove off.

The next day, the same highway, the same car, the same guy, the same cop, and the same penguins - only this time the penguins were all wearing Ray Ban sunglasses! Officer Smith pulled Mr. Williams over and said, "I thought I told you to take these penguins to the Philadelphia Zoo!"

"I did" said Mr. Williams, "today I'm taking them to Ocean City!"

# Common and Proper Nouns – Tuesday

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Underline the common nouns. Circle the proper nouns.

Antarctica is not like any other continent. It is as far south as you can go on Earth. The South Pole is found there. Ice covers the whole land. In some places the ice is almost three miles thick! Beneath the ice are mountains and valleys.

The weather in Antarctica is harsh. It is the coldest place on Earth. The temperature does not get above freezing. It is also one of the windiest places in the world.

Not many living things are found in Antarctica. People go there to study for only a short time. Very few animals can live there. Yet many animals live on nearby islands. Seals and penguins swim in the ocean waters. They build nests on the land. Some birds spend their summers in Antarctica. But most of the continent is just ice, snow, and cold air.

# Common and Proper Nouns – Wednesday

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Underline the common nouns. Circle the proper nouns.

All birds come from eggs. The mother bird lays the eggs, and then the mother bird or the father bird sits on the eggs until it is time for them to hatch. Each baby bird pecks and hits the shell of its egg with its beak until the shell breaks open. The baby bird cannot fly or get food. It needs its parents to bring it food and keep it warm. When a parent bird sits on the nest, the baby bird snuggles, or presses, into the parent's belly. The parents preen their own feathers. Then they also brush the baby bird's soft feathers. This helps keep the baby bird warm. Penguins are birds. They have flippers instead of wings, and they swim rather than fly. But they have feathers and lay eggs just as other birds do. Baby penguins hatch from eggs, and they need their parents to give them food and warmth. Some penguins live in Antarctica, where the land and much of the water around it is frozen. Penguins don't have nests, so a penguin parent cuddles, or hugs, the egg or the chick to keep it warm.

# Common and Proper Nouns – Thursday

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Underline the common nouns. Circle the proper nouns.

Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth. It is a frozen continent covered in ice. The South Pole is on Antarctica. The South Pole is the farthest south that you can go!

Antarctica is very windy. It is also very dry. Antarctica is so dry that scientists call it a desert. The small amount of snow that falls there never melts. It is moved around by the wind until it freezes into ice.

Few people other than scientists have been to Antarctica. It costs a lot of money to send food and supplies there. But penguins, seals, fish, and whales live there year-round.

Satellites help scientists study the weather in Antarctica. Weather information from the satellites is sent down to Earth.