

Please get me some **sweets** from the **shop** in **Himayat Nagar**.
(**Sweets** and **shop** are **countable nouns**. **Sweet** is a **common noun**.)

Note: Sometimes, proper nouns can be used as common nouns. The proper nouns, however, still begin with a capital letter.

Examples:

Shakespeare wrote several plays and sonnets. (Proper noun)
Akhil is the **Shakespeare** of India. (Common noun)

2. Underline the nouns in the following sentences. Put them in the respective columns in the table. One has been done for you.
- (a) Rita could not lift the box as it was too heavy.
 - (b) Fifteen boys are sitting quietly in the classroom.
 - (c) Mihir got up from the bed and walked towards the kitchen.
 - (d) They have decided to go to the mall and buy some clothes for the party.
 - (e) Vatican City is the smallest country in the world.
 - (f) The girl threw the ball to her cat, Parry.
 - (g) Leonardo da Vinci painted one of the most famous paintings of all time, the *Mona Lisa*.
 - (h) The elections will be held in three states: Bihar, Maharashtra and Telangana.

Proper Noun	Common Noun
Rita	box

Common nouns are further classified into two categories: countable nouns and uncountable nouns.

Let us look at the following sentences to understand the difference between countable and uncountable nouns.

The **patient** took his **pills** with lukewarm water.

I want to have an **apple** and some milk.

Her kindness makes her stand out among all the **leaders**.