



**Learn English Through Stories**

**A Series**

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# 1. Leena's Noun Lessons with Mr. Sandhu

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Leena was an 11-year-old girl with bright eyes and a curious mind. She lived in a small, clean house near a quiet canal in a big village called Rurka Kalan, near Goraya, India. The house had one room that was both a living room and a bedroom, and a tiny kitchen where her mother, Sarbjeet, cooked tasty meals. Sarbjeet worked at a restaurant, earning 300 rupees a day. Leena's father, Lakha, worked night shifts at a factory, earning 500 rupees a night. Their life was simple but full of love.

Leena was in the 6th class at a local school. She loved learning English. This week, her class was studying nouns. Her kind neighbour, Mr. Sandhu, gave free tuition to students whose parents could not afford private lessons. Leena went to his house every evening to learn. Mr. Sandhu was patient and made lessons fun. Today, he was teaching her about proper nouns, common nouns, collective nouns, abstract nouns, and material nouns.

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## The First Lesson

Leena sat at a small table in Mr. Sandhu's room (a common noun). She had her notebook and pencil ready. Mr. Sandhu smiled and said, "Leena, today we'll learn about nouns. Let's start with proper nouns. Can you tell me what they are?"

Leena thought for a moment. "Proper nouns are names of specific people or places, like my name, Leena, or our village, Rurka Kalan," she said.

"Very good!" Mr. Sandhu said, clapping. "Proper nouns always start with a capital letter. Can you give me two more examples?"

Leena looked around. "Your name, Mr. Sandhu, and the town nearby, Goraya," she answered.

"Excellent!" Mr. Sandhu said. "Now, let's try common nouns. These are general names for things, like table or house. Name three common nouns you see here."

Leena pointed around the room. "Chair, book, and window," she said.

"Perfect!" Mr. Sandhu replied. "You're learning fast. Let's check your understanding. Is Rurka Kalan a proper noun or a common noun?"

"It's a proper noun because it's the name of our village," Leena said with confidence (an abstract noun).

"Well done!" Mr. Sandhu said, writing her answer on a small board.

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## Learning Collective Nouns

“Now, let’s talk about collective nouns,” Mr. Sandhu said. “These are words for a group of people, animals, or things. For example, a flock of birds. Can you think of another collective noun?”

Leena remembered the market in Rurka Kalan. “A crowd of people,” she said.

“Great example!” Mr. Sandhu said. “Imagine you’re at the market. What else might you see as a collective noun?”

Leena thought about her walk to school. “A team of players on the playground,” she said.

“Very good!” Mr. Sandhu nodded. “Let’s check again. Is team a common noun or a collective noun?”

“It’s a collective noun because it means a group of people,” Leena answered.

“Correct!” Mr. Sandhu said, smiling. “You’re doing so well, Leena.”

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## Exploring Abstract Nouns

Mr. Sandhu wrote a new word on the board: happiness. “This is an abstract noun,” he said. “Abstract nouns are things we cannot see or touch, like feelings or ideas. Can you name another abstract noun?”

Leena thought about her parents. “Love,” she said. “I feel love for my mother, Sarbjeet, and my father, Lakha.”

“Wonderful!” Mr. Sandhu said. “Sarbjeet and Lakha are proper nouns, and love is an abstract noun. Can you give me one more abstract noun?”

Leena smiled. “Bravery. My father works hard at night, and that takes bravery.”

“Excellent choice!” Mr. Sandhu said. “Let’s check your understanding. Is bravery an abstract noun or a common noun?”

“It’s an abstract noun because we can’t touch it,” Leena replied.

“Perfect!” Mr. Sandhu said, writing bravery on the board.

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## Discovering Material Nouns

“Now, let’s learn about material nouns,” Mr. Sandhu said. “These are substances things are made of, like wood or water. Look around my room. Can you name a material noun?”

Leena looked at the table. "The table is made of wood," she said.

"Good!" Mr. Sandhu said. "What else do you see?"

Leena pointed to a cup on the table. "The cup is made of glass," she said.

"Very nice!" Mr. Sandhu said. "Let's check again. Is glass a material noun or a common noun?"

"It's a material noun because it's what the cup is made of," Leena answered.

"You're a quick learner, Leena!" Mr. Sandhu said with pride (an abstract noun).

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### **A Final Review**

At the end of the lesson, Mr. Sandhu decided to test Leena's understanding one more time. "Let's play a game," he said. "I'll name something, and you tell me what kind of noun it is. Ready?"

Leena nodded, feeling excitement (an abstract noun).

"Rurka Kalan," Mr. Sandhu said.

"Proper noun," Leena replied.

"Crowd," he said next.

"Collective noun," Leena answered.

"Happiness," Mr. Sandhu said.

"Abstract noun," Leena said confidently.

"Water," he said.

"Material noun," Leena replied.

"School," Mr. Sandhu said finally.

"Common noun," Leena answered.

Mr. Sandhu clapped. "You got them all right, Leena! You've learned nouns so well today."

Leena felt joy (an abstract noun). "Thank you, Mr. Sandhu," she said. "I love learning with you."

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### **Back at Home**

That evening, Leena went home to her house (a common noun) by the canal. She told her mother, Sarbjeet (a proper noun), about her lesson. Sarbjeet

was cooking with rice (a material noun). “You’re working hard, Leena,” she said. “I’m proud of you.” Her pride was an abstract noun.

When her father, Lakha (a proper noun), came home from Goraya (a proper noun), Leena shared her noun list. “You’re so smart,” Lakha said, giving her a hug. Leena felt love (an abstract noun) for her family (a collective noun).

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### **Leena’s Noun List**

Leena looked at her notebook before bed. She had written many nouns from her lesson:

- **Proper Nouns:** Leena, Sarbjeet, Lakha, Rurka Kalan, Goraya, Mr. Sandhu
- **Common Nouns:** house, room, table, chair, book, window, school, factory
- **Collective Nouns:** crowd, team, family
- **Abstract Nouns:** confidence, happiness, love, bravery, pride, excitement, joy
- **Material Nouns:** wood, glass, water, rice

Leena smiled. She had learned so much with Mr. Sandhu (a proper noun). She felt gratitude (an abstract noun) for his free lessons. As she looked out at the canal, sparkling like silver (a material noun), Leena knew she would keep learning and growing with hope (an abstract noun).

## **2. Comprehension Questions and Answers**

Question 1: Where does Leena live?

Question 2: What is Leena's mother's name?

Question 3: What does Mr. Sandhu do to help students?

Question 4: What is Leena learning about in her English class?

Question 5: What is a proper noun, according to the story?

Question 6: Name one common noun Leena sees in Mr. Sandhu's room.

Question 7: What is an example of a collective noun Leena mentions?

Question 8: What is an abstract noun that Leena feels for her parents?

Question 9: What material noun does Leena notice in Mr. Sandhu's room?

Question 10: How does Leena feel at the end of her lesson with Mr. Sandhu?

### **Answers**

Answer 1: Leena lives in a small, clean house in Rurka Kalan near Goraya.

Answer 2: Leena's mother's name is Sarbjeet.

Answer 3: Mr. Sandhu gives free tuition to students whose parents cannot afford private lessons.

Answer 4: Leena is learning about nouns.

Answer 5: A proper noun is the specific name of a person or place, like Leena or Rurka Kalan.

Answer 6: One common noun is table (or chair, book, or window).

Answer 7: An example of a collective noun is crowd (or team or family).

Answer 8: Leena feels love, an abstract noun, for her parents.

Answer 9: Leena notices wood, a material noun, in the table (or glass in the cup).

Answer 10: Leena feels joy and gratitude at the end of her lesson.

### 3. Picture Dictionary

**shopping** खरीददारी  
(शॉपिंग)



**skating** फिसलने की  
(स्केटिंग) क्रिया



**sleeping** सो जाना या सोया  
(स्लीपिंग) हुआ



**singing** गायन  
(सिंगिंग)



**sliding** ढलान पर फिसलने की क्रिया  
(स्लाईडिंग)



**sitting** बैठने की  
(सिटिंग) क्रिया



**smelling** गंध लेना या सूँघना  
(स्मेलिंग)

