Recognizing Nouns

A **noun** is a word that names a person, a place, or a thing.
A **common noun** names any person, place, or thing. A
proper noun names a particular person, place, or thing.

proper noun	common noun

Reed Junior High School hosts the tournament.

Thinking Questions
*What word names
a person, place, or
thing? Is the word
general or specific?*

1–4. **Write the nouns and tell whether each is *common* or *proper*.**

1. Francesca watches the Radio City Rockettes perform.

2. She learns dance steps from them.

3. Her dance teacher, Roma, used to be a Rockette.

4. Francesca's mother once performed at Radio City Music Hall.

5– 17. Underline all the nouns in this paragraph.

On weekends, Sarah played with the other girls on her block. The
children drew hopscotch squares on the sidewalk. They played jump
rope and chanted rhymes. On Tuesdays, she studied African dance and
hip-hop at Bert's Studio.