

LESSON 1: NAMES

i GRAMMAR SNAPSHOT • WHAT IS A NAME?

• **Nouns** are words that name a *person*, a *place*, or a *thing*.

• **Special names** of people, schools, and cities always begin with a **Capital Letter** (e.g., *Anna*, *London*).

• *Directions : Read each instruction carefully . Write your answers neatly on the lines below .*

1. **Write your name.** (Use a capital letter for each part of your name!)

2. **Write the name of your school.**

3. **Write the name of the city or town in which you live.**

4. **Write the names of two places.**

(a) _____ (b) _____

5. **Write the names of three things in the school-room.**

(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____

6. **Write the names of three things you can wear.**

(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____

7. **Write the names of two things you can eat.**

(a) _____ (b) _____

8. **Write the names of two of your playmates.**

(a) _____ (b) _____

SELF-CHECK

Did you start the names of people, your school, and your city with a capital letter? Circle your capital letters!

Lesson 1: Names • Teacher Answer Key & Explanatory Guide

ANSWER KEY

Instructional Insights, Model Responses, and Formative Assessment Rubric

PEDAGOGICAL OBJECTIVES

- **Identify Nouns:** Distinguish between words that name people, places, and everyday objects.
- **Proper vs. Common Nouns:** Introduce the foundational distinction between specific names (proper) and general categories (common).
- **Orthographic Conventions:** Enforce initial capitalization for personal names and geographic entities.

CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT

Common Core ELA-LITERACY:

- L.1.1.b: Use common, proper, and possessive nouns.
- L.1.2.a: Capitalize dates and names of people.
- L.2.2.a: Capitalize holidays, product names, and geographic names.

ITEM	PROMPT & LINGUISTIC TARGET	EXEMPLARY SAMPLE RESPONSES	PEDAGOGICAL / SCORING NOTE
1	Write your name. (Proper Noun: Person)	Liam Nguyen , Emma Watson	Must begin both First and Last names with a clear capital letter.
2	Write the name of your school. (Proper Noun: Institution)	Sunrise Primary School , Oakridge Elementary	All content words in the institution title must be capitalized.
3	Of the city in which you live. (Proper Noun: Geographic)	Hanoi , Da Nang , Melbourne	Check for initial capital letter and correct phonetic spelling.
4	Write the names of two places. (Place: Common or Proper)	(a) the park / Disneyland (b) the library / Ha Long Bay	Accept either common places (lower case) or specific attractions (capitalized).
5	Of three things in the school-room. (Common Noun: Concrete Objects)	(a) pencil (b) desk (c) whiteboard	Accept concrete physical items. Minor spelling errors should be gently corrected.
6	Of three things you can wear. (Common Noun: Clothing / Apparel)	(a) shirt (or jacket) (b) hat (or cap) (c) shoes (or socks)	Encourage singular or plural forms (both are acceptable).
7	Of two things you can eat. (Common Noun: Food / Nutrition)	(a) apple (or noodles) (b) bread (or pizza)	Ensure the response is a concrete food noun, not an action verb (e.g., "eat").
8	Of two of your playmates. (Proper Noun: Peers)	(a) Minh (or David) (b) Mai (or Chloe)	Crucial: Verify capital letters for classmates' names.

✓ Assessment Rubric (4-Point Scale)

- 4 - Advanced** All 8 items accurately categorized; capital letters used consistently; neat handwriting.
- 3 - Proficient** All categories correctly understood; 1–2 minor capitalization lapses; legible.
- 2 - Developing** Understands basic naming concept but confuses proper/common capitalization or lists verbs.
- 1 - Beginning** Requires one-on-one prompting to recall naming words; frequent omission of items.

🔔 Common Misconceptions & Teaching Tips

- **Action vs. Name:** If a student writes "play" or "run", remind: "A name is something you can touch, see, or point to, not what you do."
- **Capital Letters:** Guide students to notice that their own names feel "special," just like their hometown or school.
- **Kinesthetic Extension:** Have students place sticky notes to label 3 more objects in the classroom.