Different Types of Nouns

Abstract Nouns

An abstract noun is something that exists but can't physically be touched. Examples:

love bravery opinion strength

Pronouns

Pronouns identify something in a very general way, so one pronoun could be used at many different times for different objects or people.

A pronoun can be used instead of a noun.

Examples:

she they it you

Concrete Nouns

These are nouns that refer to a specific object. Examples:

bottle car

hammer magnet

table ball

Collective Nouns

A collective noun is a name given to a group of one type of something specific, often people or animals. In a lot of cases the pronoun will have an obvious connection to the group it is given to for example 'army of ants' refers to a large amount of well organised and ruthless ants.

Examples:

A herd of giraffes A gaggle of geese

Common Nouns

Common nouns are just like concrete nouns in the way that you can physically touch them. A common noun is a general term eg. 'building' is a common term that could include a house, a bridge, a church, etc. These are all types of buildings. Examples:

vegetable animal clothes chocolate

Proper Nouns

Following on from common nouns, a proper noun is a specific noun eg.
Where 'apple' is a common noun,
'Golden

Delicious Apple' is a proper noun as it refers to a specific apple. Examples:

Paris

The Eiffel Tower
South Yorkshire Police

