Year 1 English: Proper nouns (Medium)

English · Grammar and punctuation
Level: Medium

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- There are 10 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Write your answers on this paper. Use the space under a question to work it out.
- A grown-up can read a question aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

Read this, then answer question 1.

Rusty Possum

Rusty Possum is very hungry. He can see ripe plums on Mr Tan's tree. He creeps quietly along the top of the fence. I wonder what he will do next!

1. A proper noun names a particular person, place or thing and starts with a capital letter. Tick both words of the proper noun that names a particular animal: Rusty Possum is very hungry.

Tick every answer that fits.

☐ **A** Rusty ☐ **B** Possum ☐ **C** is ☐ **D** hungry

2. Which word is NOT a proper noun?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Sydney ○ **B** Friday ○ **C** beach ○ **D** Toby

3. My goldfish Captain Splash swims fast. Tick every word of the fish's name.

Tick every answer that fits.

My goldfish Captain Splash swims fast.

☐ **A** My ☐ **B** goldfish ☐ **C** Captain ☐ **D** Splash ☐ **E** swims ☐ **F** fast

4. Uma saw a quokka at Rottnest Island. Tick every name word.

Tick every answer that fits.

Uma saw a quokka at Rottnest Island.

☐ **A** Uma ☐ **B** saw ☐ **C** a ☐ **D** quokka ☐ **E** at

☐ **F** Rottnest ☐ **G** Island

5. Tess and her pony Dusty live in Bathurst. Tick every name.

Tick every answer that fits.

Tess and her pony Dusty live in Bathurst.

☐ **A** Tess ☐ **B** and ☐ **C** her ☐ **D** pony

☐ **E** Dusty ☐ **F** live ☐ **G** in ☐ **H** Bathurst

6. Which sentence has TWO names?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** Jo visits a farm. ○ **B** Remy and Jo visit a farm.

○ **C** The farm is in a town.

7. Tick both words of the name.

Tick every answer that fits.

Captain Frog hops onto a log.

☐ **A** Captain ☐ **B** Frog ☐ **C** hops ☐ **D** onto ☐ **E** a

☐ **F** log

8. Tick both words of the name.

Tick every answer that fits.

Lucy Lizard sits on a rock.

☐ **A** Lucy ☐ **B** Lizard ☐ **C** sits ☐ **D** on ☐ **E** a

☐ **F** rock

9. Tick both words of the name.

Tick every answer that fits.

Wally Wombat digs a tunnel.

☐ **A** Wally ☐ **B** Wombat ☐ **C** digs ☐ **D** a

☐ **E** tunnel

10. Tick both words of the name.

Tick every answer that fits.

Mister Magpie sings in the tree.

☐ **A** Mister ☐ **B** Magpie ☐ **C** sings ☐ **D** in ☐ **E** the ☐ **F** tree

Answer key

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1. A — Rusty; B — Possum
Rusty Possum is the name of one particular possum — both words are the name.

2. C — beach
Beach could be any beach — it is a common noun.

3. C — Captain; D — Splash
Captain Splash is the fish's name: two words.

4. A — Uma; F — Rottnest; G — Island
Uma is a girl. Rottnest Island is a place with two words. Quokka could be any quokka.

5. A — Tess; E — Dusty; H — Bathurst
Tess, Dusty and Bathurst are names. Pony could be any pony.

6. B — Remy and Jo visit a farm.
Remy and Jo are two names. The other sentences have one or none.

7. A — Captain; B — Frog
Captain and Frog — both words are part of the name, so both start with a capital letter.

8. A — Lucy; B — Lizard
Lucy and Lizard — both words are part of the name, so both start with a capital letter.

9. A — Wally; B — Wombat
Wally and Wombat — both words are part of the name, so both start with a capital letter.

10. A — Mister; B — Magpie
Mister and Magpie — both words are part of the name, so both start with a capital letter.