Kinds of nouns exercise

This grammar exercise tests your ability to identify the different kinds of nouns.

1. The book was lying on the table.
   Book is a common noun
   Book is a proper noun
   Book is a collective noun

2. Love begets love.
   Love is a common noun
   Love is a collective noun
   Love is an abstract noun

3. We cannot live without water.
   Water is a common noun
   Water is a material noun
   Water is an abstract noun

4. The jury has given its verdict.
   Jury is a collective noun
   Jury is a common noun
   Jury is an abstract noun
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5. The Hindus regard Krishna as an incarnation of Lord Vishnu.

Hindus is a common noun
Hindus is a proper noun
Hindus is an abstract noun

6. Alcohol is injurious to health.

Health is a common noun
Health is an abstract noun
Health is a proper noun

7. Smoking is a bad habit.

Habit is a common noun
Habit is a proper noun
Habit is an abstract noun

8. Wild animals live in forests.

Animals is a common noun
Animals is a proper noun
Animals is an abstract noun
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9. The childhood of Peter was full of misery.
Childhood is a common noun
Childhood is an abstract noun
Childhood is a proper noun

10. All the girls were singing.
Girls is a common noun
Girls is a proper noun
Girls is an abstract noun

11. Gold is a precious metal.
Gold is a proper noun
Gold is an abstract noun
Gold is a material noun

12. Rice is the staple food of South Indians.
Rice is a common noun
Rice is a material noun
Rice is an abstract noun
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13. The earth moves round the sun.

Earth is a common noun
Earth is an abstract noun
Earth is a proper noun

Answers

1. The book was lying on the table. (book – common noun; table – common noun)
2. Love begets love. (love – abstract noun)
3. We cannot live without water. (water – material noun)
4. The jury has given its verdict. (jury – collective noun; verdict – abstract noun)
5. The Hindus regard Krishna as an incarnation of Lord Vishnu. (Hindus – proper noun; Krishna – proper noun; incarnation – common noun; Vishnu – proper noun)
6. Alcohol is injurious to health. (alcohol – material noun; health – abstract noun)
7. Smoking is a bad habit. (habit – abstract noun)
8. Wild animals live in forests. (animals – common noun; forests – common noun)
9. The childhood of Peter was full of misery. (childhood – abstract noun; Peter – proper noun; misery – abstract noun)
10. All the girls were singing. (girls – common noun)
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11. **Gold** is a precious **metal**. (Gold – material noun; metal – common noun)

12. **Rice** is the staple **food** of South **Indians**. (rice – material noun; food – common noun; Indians – proper noun)

13. The **earth** moves round the **sun**. (earth – common noun; sun – common noun)