

PROPER NOUNS VS. COMMON NOUNS

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.2.A & RL.2.3: Nouns & Character Responses

THE GREAT MIX-UP: "Moose" or "moose"?

PROPER NOUN (Name)

Capital "M" — Moose

- A specific name for a pet dog 🐕
- Belongs to his boy, Finn
- Friendly, brown, and silly!

COMMON NOUN (Animal)

Lowercase "m" — moose

- A general type of wild animal 🦌
- Has giant antlers
- "Really, really big!"



HOW DO CHARACTERS RESPOND TO EVENTS?

Event: Moose slips out of his leash.

Dad's Reaction: Yells "MOOSE IS LOOSE!" and warns to walk slowly.

Event: Moose meets the real moose.

Moose's Reaction: Realizes "He looks nothing like me!" and politely says hello.

Event: Moose flies back across the canyon on a kite.

Finn's Reaction: Joyfully shouts "Oh wait! Moose is laying behind me!"