

There's a Ship Outside My Window



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1 *Proper nouns* are the names we give to people, places and special things. *Common nouns* are names that belong to all objects of the same kind. In the following sentences find the proper and common nouns. List them in two columns.

- a Bill sat down inside the shed and retold me the story of the Dutch ship, *Duyfken*.
- b The Dutch sailors set sail from a port in Holland and sailed their way to the East Indies and then the coast of Australia.
- c One Saturday morning I awoke to see the area around the museum being dug up.
- d Perhaps when I get older I'll sail the waters of the Pacific Ocean.
- e I watched Captain Jim drive a nail through a plank.

Proper nouns	Common nouns

2 The prefix *un* can be used to make a word mean the opposite. On p.5, 'Others were *unloading* building materials and hammering in posts'. Find twelve words in the word search below and place *un* before each word to create an opposite.

H	A	P	P	Y	A	S	I	N	S
G	H	K	L	M	B	F	N	A	U
Q	L	S	F	V	H	J	V	T	I
S	E	T	T	L	E	D	I	U	T
C	E	R	T	A	I	N	T	R	A
M	O	V	E	D	V	X	E	A	B
S	E	L	F	I	S	H	D	L	L
P	O	P	U	L	A	R	A	R	E
R	E	A	S	O	N	A	B	L	E
A	F	R	A	I	D	N	Y	U	O

'Un' words

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____

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- 1 Use your dictionary to find the meanings of these nautical words.

shipwright _____

whipstaff _____

spars _____

caulking _____

helmsmen _____

- 2 In the story we are never aware of the narrator's name. Many other people are mentioned. Find the person in column A and rule a line to their occupation/work task in column B.

A	B
Bill	working on the bow
Barney	working on the hull
Jenny	wooden tree nails
Rick	working on the stern
Danny	firing wood
Captain Jim	woodcarver

