

ABSTRACT NOUNS

An abstract noun is a noun that you cannot sense, it is the name we give to an emotion, ideal or idea. They have no physical existence, you can't see, hear, touch, smell or taste them. The opposite of an abstract noun is a concrete noun.

For example:-

Justice; an idea, bravery and happiness are all abstract nouns.

Here is an a-z list of some common abstract nouns:-

adoration	artistry			
belief	bravery			
calm	charity	childhood	comfort	compassion
dexterity				
ego				
failure	faith	feelings	friendship	
happiness	hate	honesty	hope	
idea	impression	infatuation		
joy				
law	liberty	love	loyalty	
maturity	memory			
omen				
peace	pride	principle	power	
redemption	romance			
sadness	sensitivity	skill	sleep	success
talent	thrill	truth		sympathy
wit				

Abstract Nouns



Cannot see



Cannot hear



Cannot smell



Cannot taste



Cannot touch

Check out the following example:

When Joseph dived into the violent waves to rescue a drowning puppy, his bravery amazed the crowd of fishermen standing on the dock.

Bravery, one of the nouns in this sentence, is an example of an abstract noun. You can see Joseph, the water, and the crowd. But you cannot see bravery itself. Bravery has no color, size, shape, sound, odor, flavor, or texture; it has no quality that you can see, hear, smell, taste, or touch. Any noun that escapes your five senses is an abstract noun.

Don't confuse an abstract noun with a concrete noun.

Many nouns are concrete, not abstract. Concrete nouns register on your five senses. Here is an example:

Joseph cuddled the wet puppy under his warm jacket.

Puppy is an example of a concrete noun. You can see a puppy, stroke its fur, smell its breath, and listen to it whine. You can even taste the puppy if you don't mind pulling dog hair off your tongue! Because a puppy will register on all five senses, puppy is a concrete noun.

Look over this chart contrasting abstract and concrete nouns:

Abstract Nouns

deceit
dedication
curiosity
trust
relaxation

Concrete Nouns

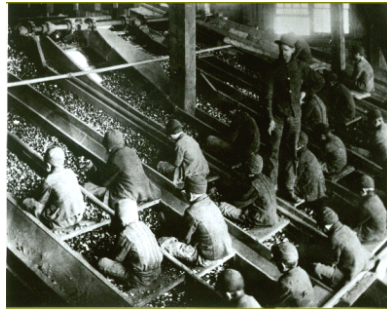
the President
teacher
cat
airplane
bubble bath

ABSTRACT NOUNS - STATES AND ATTRIBUTES



Skill
Beauty
Brilliance
Pain
Misery
Knowledge
Patriotism
Friendship

Awe
Calm
Joy
Reality
Wisdom



Brilliance
Truth
Charity
Justice
Faith
Kindness
Pleasure
Liberty



Freedom
Delight
Despair
Hope

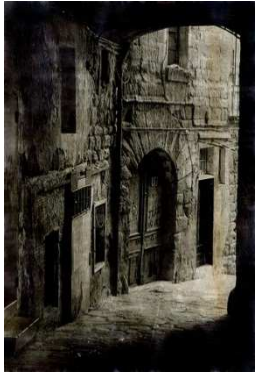
Bravery
Loyalty
Honesty
Integrity
Compassion
Bravery
Charity
Success
Courage
Deceit



Use the picture to write a narrative.
Your time is as follows:

1. 5 minutes class discussion
2. 5 minutes planning
3. 25 minutes writing
4. 5 minutes editing

ABSTRACT NOUNS - EMOTIONS / FEELINGS



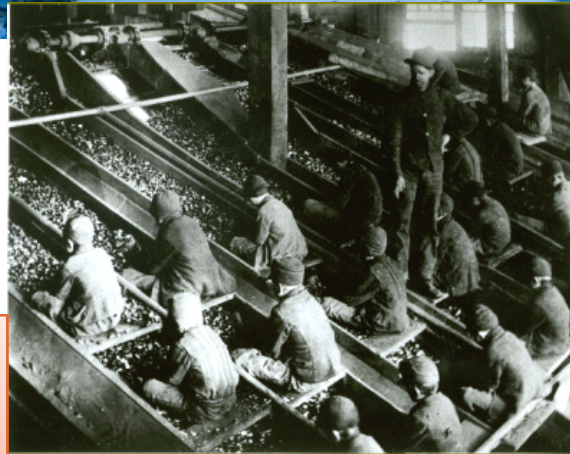
Love
Hate
Anger
Peace
Pride
Sympathy
Misery

Beliefs
Dreams
Justice
Truth
Faith
Liberty
Knowledge
Trust



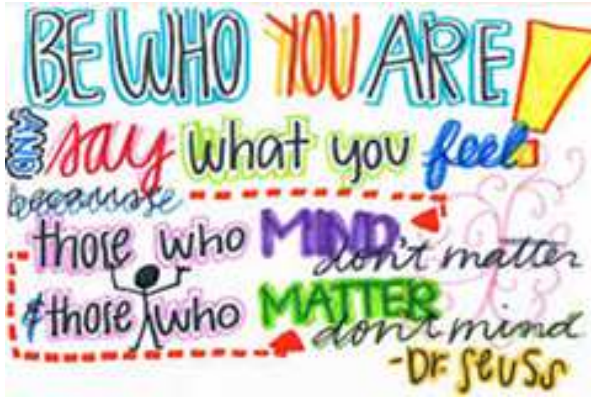
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ABSTRACT NOUNS - IDEAS / CONCEPTS

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Dreams
Justice
Truth
Faith
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Knowledge



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Thought
Information
Culture
Trust
Dedication
Music
Night



ABSTRACT NOUNS - MOVEMENTS / EVENTS

Progress
Education
Hospitality
Leisure
Trouble
Friendships
Relaxation
Childhood
Past (times)



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