Nouns are person, place, or thing words.

A common noun is any person, place, or thing word.

A proper noun is a specific person, place, or thing word.

Joey and Sam went to Carter Lake to catch some fish. Both boys had gotten new fishing rods as gifts from their dad, Mr. Henderson. As they approached the lake, they could see ducks, geese, frogs, and turtles near the shore. They saw Tom and his mom sitting on a bench near the Carter Memorial Statue. They also saw two girls near the water, feeding the ducks and geese. The boys put the bait on the hooks and cast their fishing lines into the lake. They caught many fish at Carter Lake!