

Types of the Amharic nouns!

The Amharic nouns can become as one of the followings:

1. Common Nouns and Proper Noun.
2. Singular Noun Plural Noun
3. Abstract & Concrete Noun
4. Countable & Uncountable Noun
5. **Indefinite and definite** Noun
6. Possessive Noun

Common and Proper Nouns

Common Nouns are names used for anything for unspecific people, thing or place, but proper nouns are used for specific person, thing or place. Example:

Common Nouns	Proper Noun
ተማሪ (Student)	ሙሐመድ (Muhammed)
አገር (Country)	አሜሪካ (America)
ቋንቋ (Language)	አማርኛ (Amharic)
መፅሀፍ (Book)	ቁርአን (Quran)

The Nouns on the left are common nouns that everyone or everything is called by. On the right, however, are Specific nouns. For instance, ተማሪ (Student) is a common noun for all students, whereas 'ሙሐመድ (Muhammad)' is a specifically known personal name.

Common nouns are words that refer to general, non-specific people, places, things, or ideas. But Proper nouns are words that refer to specific people, places, things, or ideas.

Singular and Plural Nouns

Common Nouns can be Singular and Plural. When we want to change the Amharic nouns from singular to plural, we change **the last letter** to the **seventh letter** and then add ገ. Look at the example below.

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Singular Noun	+አች	Plural Noun
ቤት	+አች	ቤቶች
ሰው	+አች	ሰዎች
ሴት	+አች	ሴቶች
ወንድ	+አች	ወንዶች
ልጅ	+አች	ልጆች

አ is a vowel letter that changes the Amharic consonants to the sevenths letter. For example: It changes ት to ቶ (To), ች to ች (Cho), ብ to ቦ (Bo), ጅ to ጆ (Jo), ም to ሞ (Mo), ህ to ሆ (Ho), or ል to ሎ (Lo.) You can read the Amharic Fidel list [here](#).

Countable & Uncountable Nouns

Countable Nouns	Uncountable Nouns
ወተት (Milk)	ላሞች (Cows)
ውሃ (Water)	ብርጭቆዎች (Glasses)
ጨው (Salt)	ቦሮች (Doors)
ንፋስ (wind)	ልብሶች (clothes)

We can add numbers to change nouns measured in liters and kilos to plurals. We can also express the quantity of something by adding the words ብዙ (many) or በጣም ብዙ (very much). example:

- ሁለት ሊትር ዘይት (Two liters of oil)
- ብዙ ኪሎ ጨው (Many kilos of salt)
- በጣም ብዙ ማር (Too much honey)

Abstract nouns are nouns

Abstract nouns are those nouns that we cannot see or touch. For example, እምነት (**belife**). But concrete nouns are just the opposite of abstract nouns, we can see or touch them. Example:

Abstract nouns	Concrete Nouns
እምነት (belife)	መፅሀፍ (book)
ሀይማኖቶች (Religions)	አስተማሪ (Teacher)
Disease	ውሃ (Water)
ብርሃን (Light)	ድንጋይ (stone)
ጨለማ (Dark)	ወረቀት (Paper)

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ሙቀት (heat)	ሙቀት መለኪያ (Thermometer)
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Indefinite and Definite Nouns

Indefinite Nouns	Definite Nouns
ሴት (woman)	ሴቷ (the woman)
ሚስት (Wife)	ሚስቷ (his wife)
ሰው (Man)	ሰውዋ (the man)
ባል (Husband)	ባሏ (Her husband)
ወንድም (Brother)	ወንድሙ (His brother)
መኪና (Car)	መኪናው A Masculine Car meaning 'The car' or የሱ መኪና His Car መኪናዋ A Feminine Car, the car or የሷ መኪና Her car
ቤት (House)	ቤቷ (A Feminine house) The house ቤቷ (her house)

Adjectives make nouns definite and specific. The Amharic adjectives that are added above to nouns are not independent words and cannot stand on their own, they are suffixes.

THE AMHARIC ADJECTIVES ADDED ABOVE ARE:

THE ENGLISH ADJECTIVES:

ቱ	The
ቱ	The
ው	The
ሷ	her
ሙ	His
ው	The or his
ዋ	Her
ቱ	The
ቷ	Her

Possessive Noun

- የሙሐመድ አስተምሮ እና የኢየሱስ አስተምሮ ብዙም ልዩነት የለውም።
- There is not much difference between the teachings **of** Muhammad and the teachings **of** Jesus.
- የሙሐመድ ልጅ (Muhammed's child)
- የካሳ ዘመድ (Kasa's relative)

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The Fidel 'P' is a preposition we use it before the noun to denote someone's belonging. 'P' means of or 's.

መልመጃ (Exercises)

1. Change singular nouns to plural nouns, and plural nouns to singular nouns.

ከብት እንስሶች ውሻ ለሞች አገር

Put them in the answer box below along with their meanings.

Questions	ወደ ብዙ ስም	ወደ ነጠላ ስም
ከብት		
እንስሶች		
ውሻ		
ለሞች		
አገር		

2. Put the following words in the correct order. (የሚከተሉትን ቃላት በትክክለኛው ቅደም ተከተል ያስቀምጡ።)
 1. በሽታ ዶሮ የ
 2. ቤት የ ውሻ
 3. እሱ ውስጥ ነው ቤት
 4. እችላለሁ መናገር አማርኛ

Answering area:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

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3. Which are indefinite, definite or proper nouns? Put them in the answer box.

ማይክሮሶፍት አፊስ	ቤት	ከምጥውተር
ጠረጴዛው	ድመቷን	ከተማይቱ
ወንበሩ	የእሷ ከምጥውተር	የኤቨረስት ተራራ
ውሻ	የአማዞን ወንዝ	ብዕር
አይፎን	መጽሐፍ	ኒው ዮርክ ከተማ
መኪና		

Answer (መልስ)

Indefinite nouns	Definite nouns	Proper nouns

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