Abstract Nouns

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: a noun names a person, place, thing or idea. An abstract noun names something you cannot see, hear, touch, taste or smell, like a feeling (joy), a quality (courage) or an idea (freedom).

Test: can you put it in a box? A hat fits in a box (concrete). Kindness does not (abstract).

1. Circle the abstract noun

Each sentence has one abstract noun. Circle it.



You can see her smile, but not her joy.

1. The puppy filled our home with joy.
2. Maya showed great courage at the dentist.
3. We need patience to finish this puzzle.
4. His kindness made the new student smile.
5. The class cheered with excitement.
6. Please tell your teacher the truth.
7. Dad smiled with pride at my drawing.
8. The kitten hid under the bed in fear.

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2. Choose the abstract noun

Circle the abstract noun that completes each sentence.

1. We laughed with _____ at the funny movie. — popcorn / delight / chair
2. The firefighter showed great _____. — bravery / boots / ladder
3. Thank you for your _____. — pencil / desk / kindness
4. I have a _____ that I will fly to the Moon. — rocket / dream / helmet
5. Learning to swim takes lots of _____. — practice / water / towels
6. Grandma's stories are full of _____. — cookies / slippers / wisdom
7. The team felt _____ after losing the game. — jerseys / sadness / grass
8. The bird flew away to its _____. — freedom / feathers / cage

Answer Key

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1. Circle the abstract noun

1. The puppy filled our home with **joy**.
2. Maya showed great **courage** at the dentist.
3. We need **patience** to finish this puzzle.
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2. Choose the abstract noun

1. We laughed with **delight** at the funny movie. — popcorn, **delight**, chair
2. The firefighter showed great **bravery**. — **bravery**, boots, ladder
3. Thank you for your **kindness**. — pencil, desk, **kindness**
4. I have a **dream** that I will fly to the Moon. — rocket, **dream**, helmet
5. Learning to swim takes lots of **practice**. — **practice**, water, towels
6. Grandma's stories are full of **wisdom**. — cookies, slippers, **wisdom**
7. The team felt **sadness** after losing the game. — jerseys, **sadness**, grass
8. The bird flew away to its **freedom**. — **freedom**, feathers, cage