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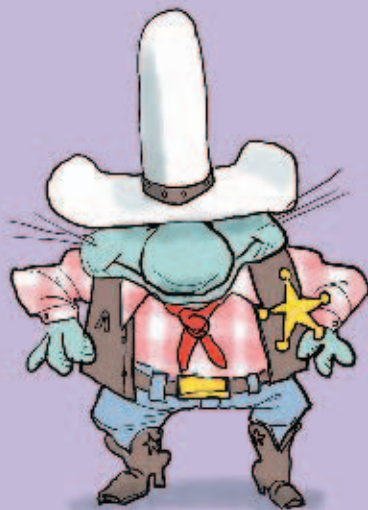
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To Noreen  
—B.P.C.

**Noun:** A word  
that names a  
person, animal,  
place, or thing





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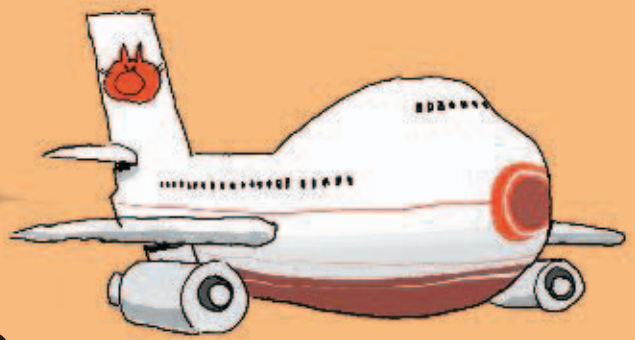
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A *jet* is a noun,



and so is  
*Peru.*



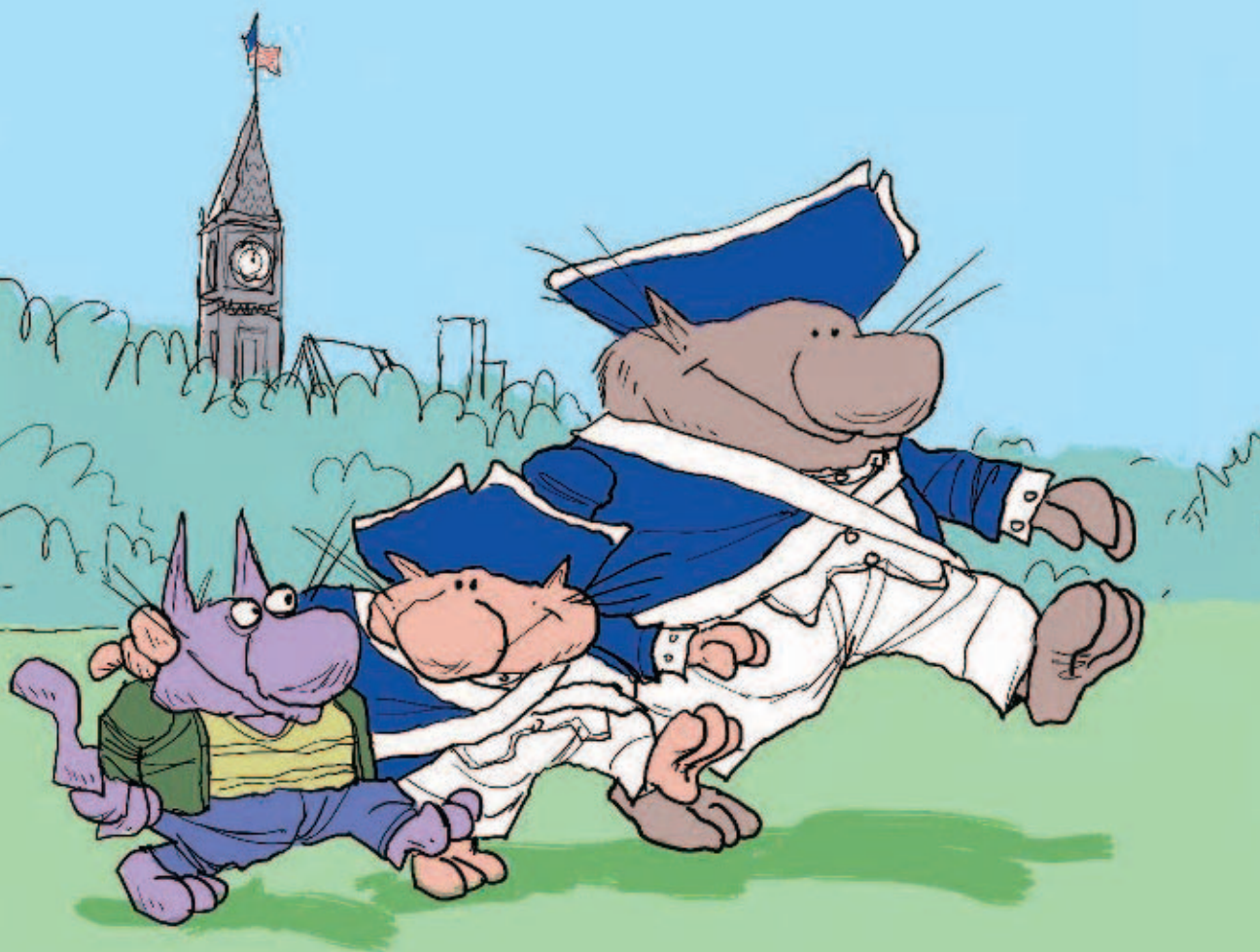
A *net* is a noun,

like *chimp*

or the *zoo*.



Friend is a noun,  
and so is your dad,





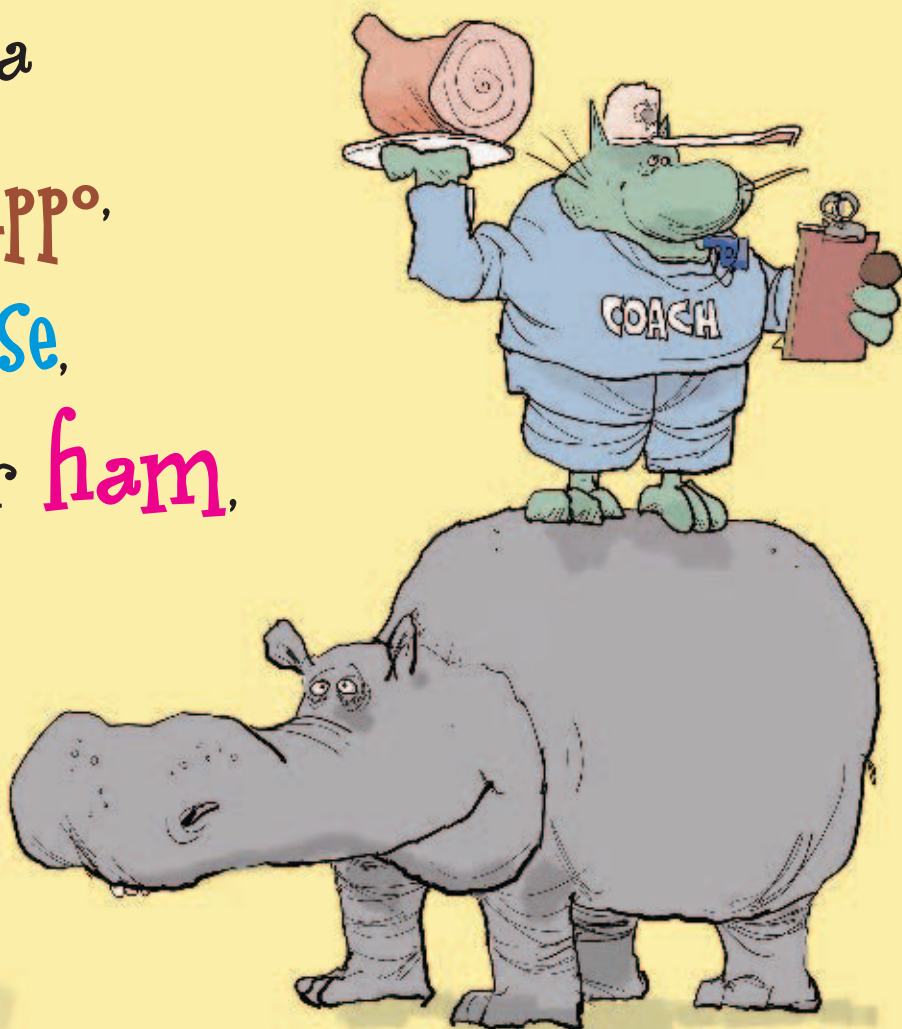
ice cream  
and bagels

and Boston



and Brad.

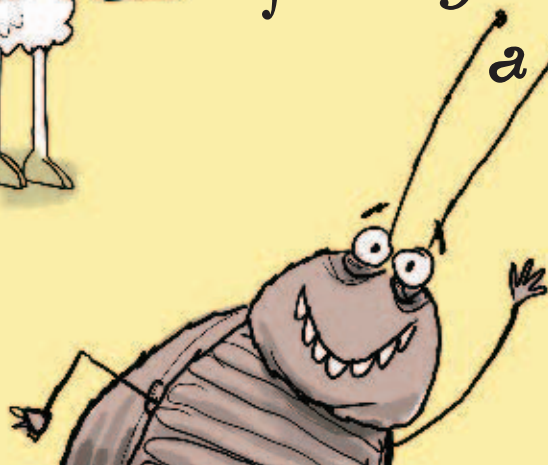
If it's a  
hippo,  
house,  
or ham,



if it's your coach,

a roach,

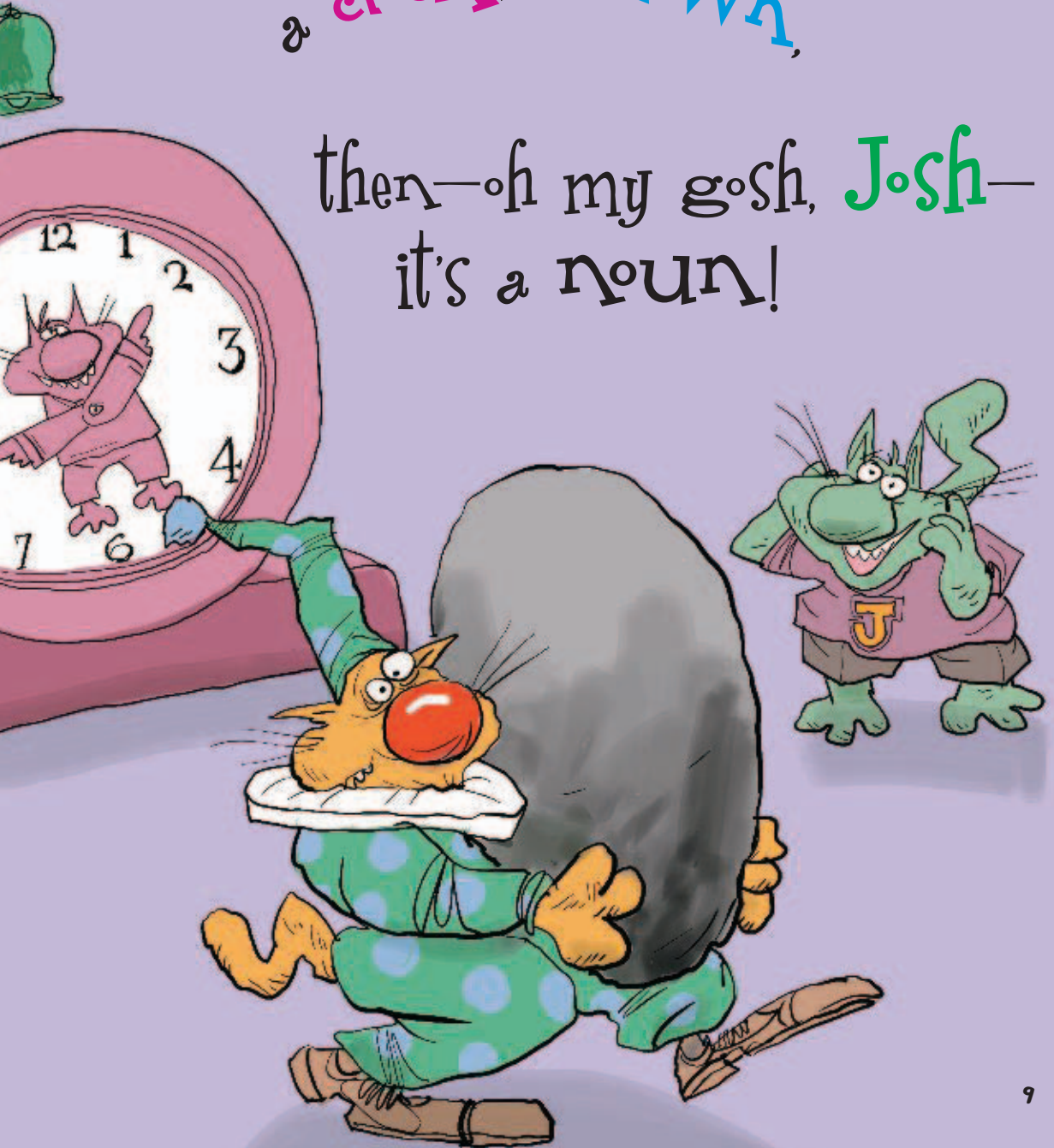
or ram,



if it's a **rock**,

a **clock**, or **clown**,

then—oh my gosh, **Josh**—  
it's a **noun**!





And so is a comma

and your mōmma,

a billy goat,

a baby llama,





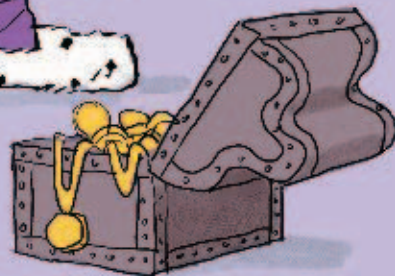
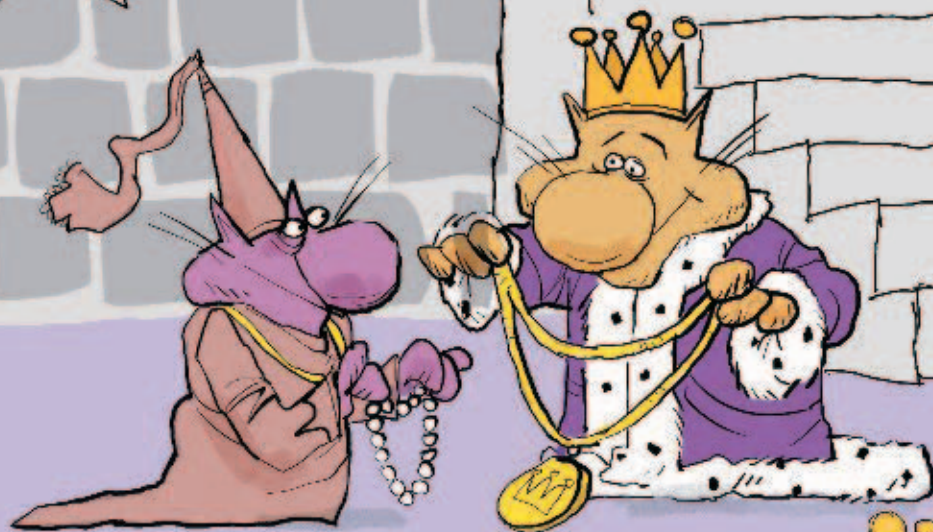
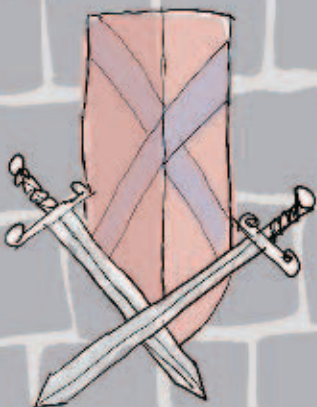
a doorway, Norway,  
hand-me-downs—

all the things you see  
are nouns.



If it's a **person**,  
**place**,  
or **thing**,

a **palace**,  
**pal**,

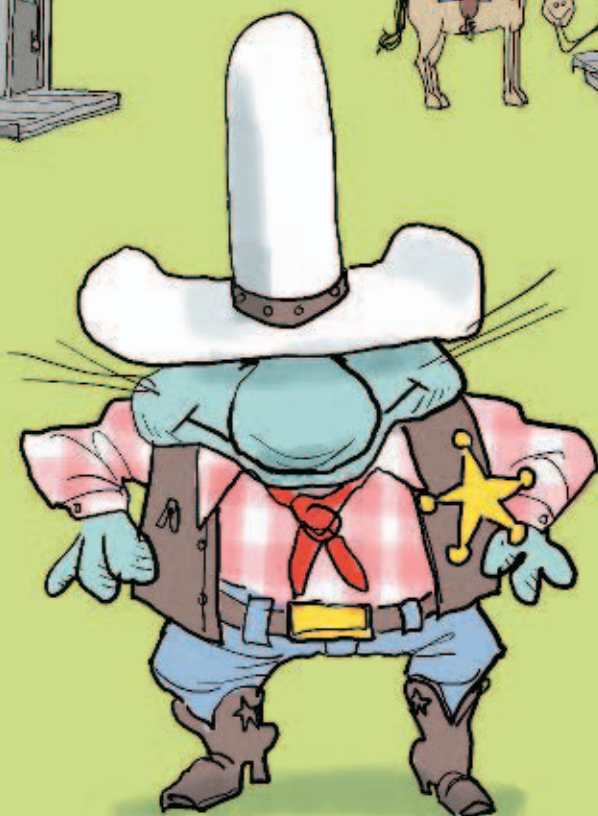


or shiny **bling**,



a shack or sheriff  
in your town,

it's fundamental—  
it's a noun!



But there are nouns  
you cannot touch  
or smell or hear or see.



This **type** is called an  
abstract noun,  
like **joy** and **harmony**.

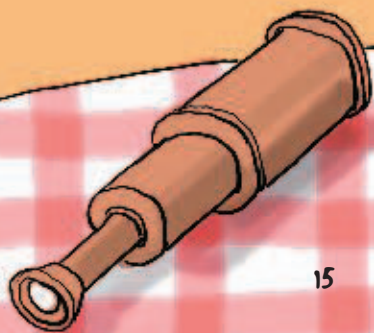


Love and hate are  
abstract nouns,  
and so are peace and hope.

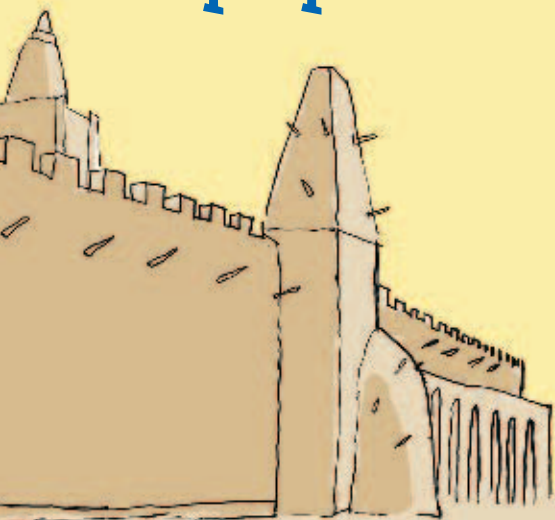


You cannot taste or hold them,

like a tart or telescope.



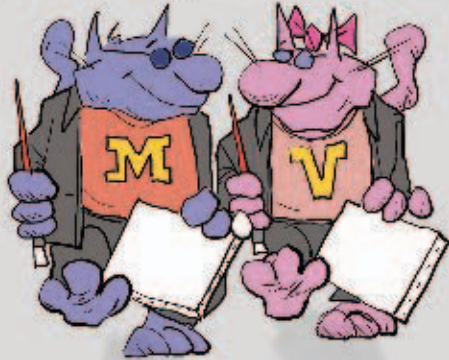
Proper nouns  
all name specific  
people, things, and places.



Like **Uncle Lou**  
or **Timbuktu**,

they start with upper **cases**.

Like **Mallory** or **Valerie**,  
the **Seventeenth Street Gallery**,



**Pizza Pete's** and  
**Ming's Chinese**,

proper nouns  
name each of these.



Or Brannigan  
and Flannigan,  
parading in  
with Anne again.





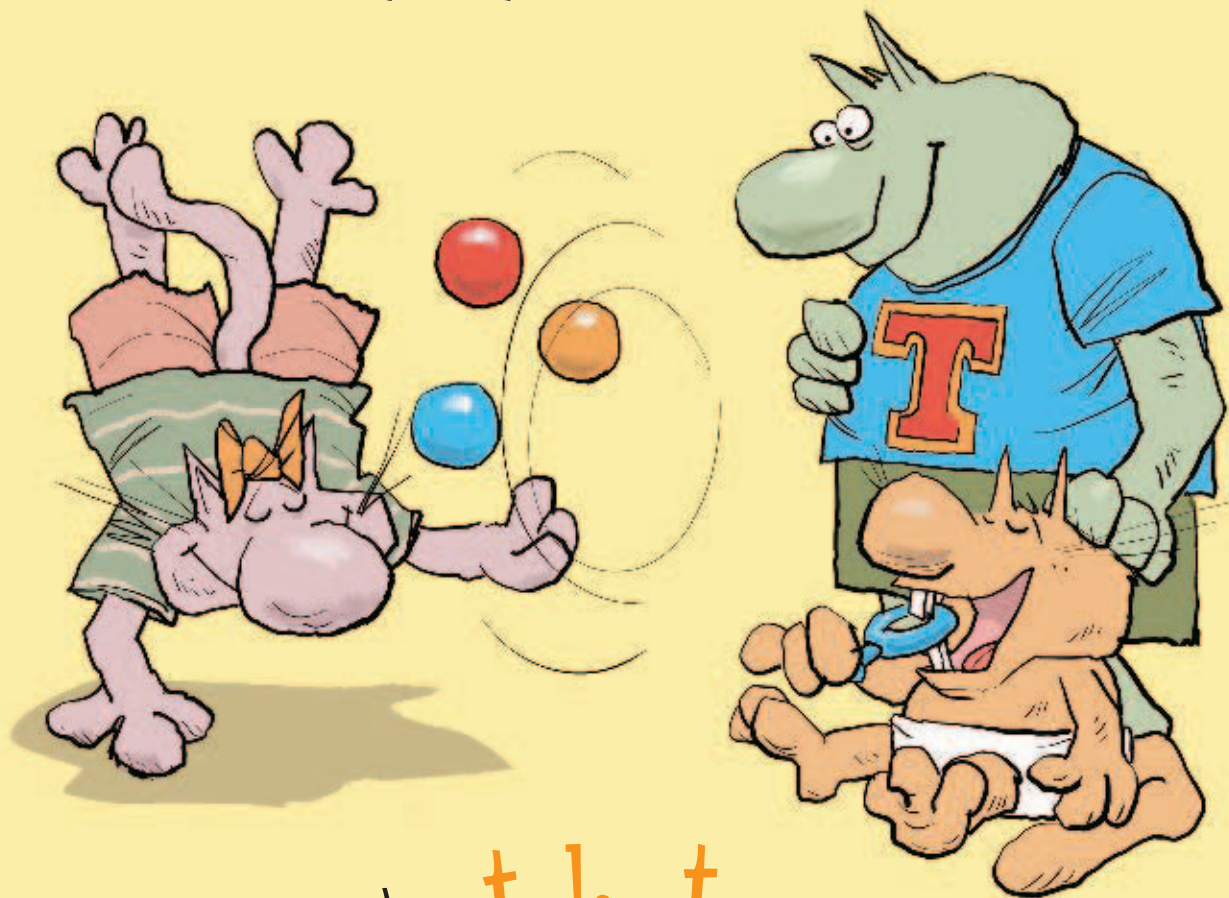


Paris, France,  
and your dog,  
Chopper—

all these nouns  
are mighty proper!

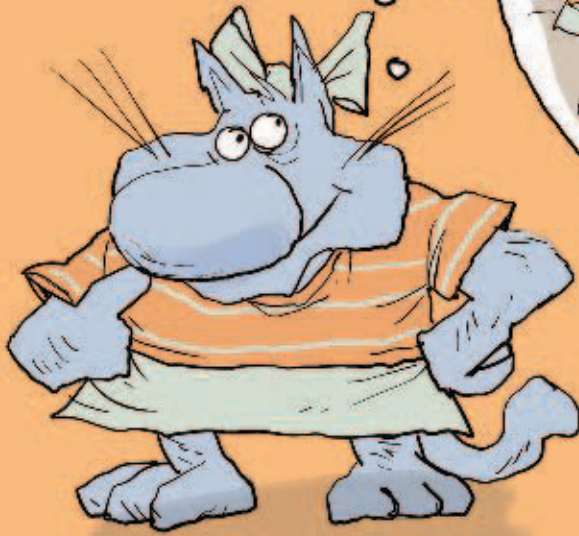
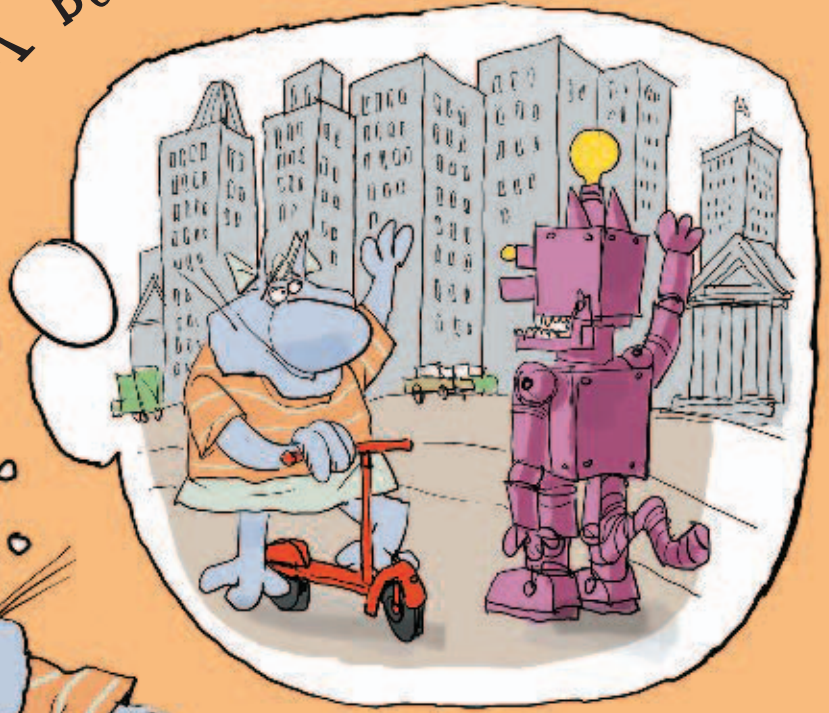


Whether they're **abstract**  
or **proper** or **neither**,



Whether it's **talent**  
or **Timmy**  
or **teether**,

if it can be thought about,

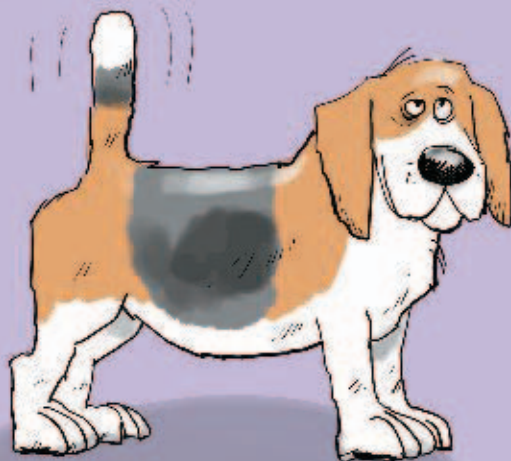


ridden uptown,

talked to, or walked to,  
it's surely a noun!



Like beagle  
or eagle,  
a robin  
or Wren,





a Scooter,  
a tutor,

a pig, or a pen.

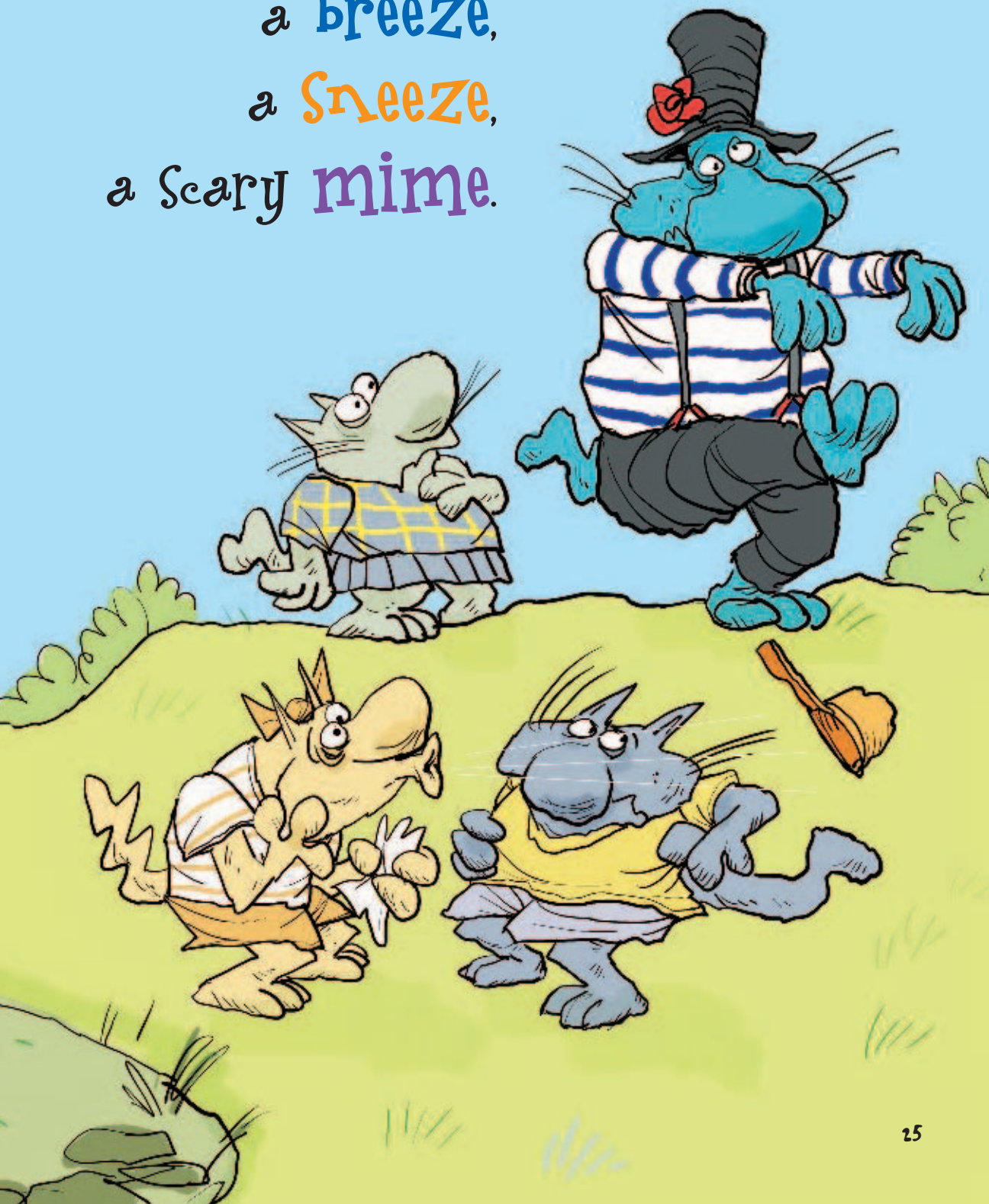


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a dime,  
a pool  
of slime,



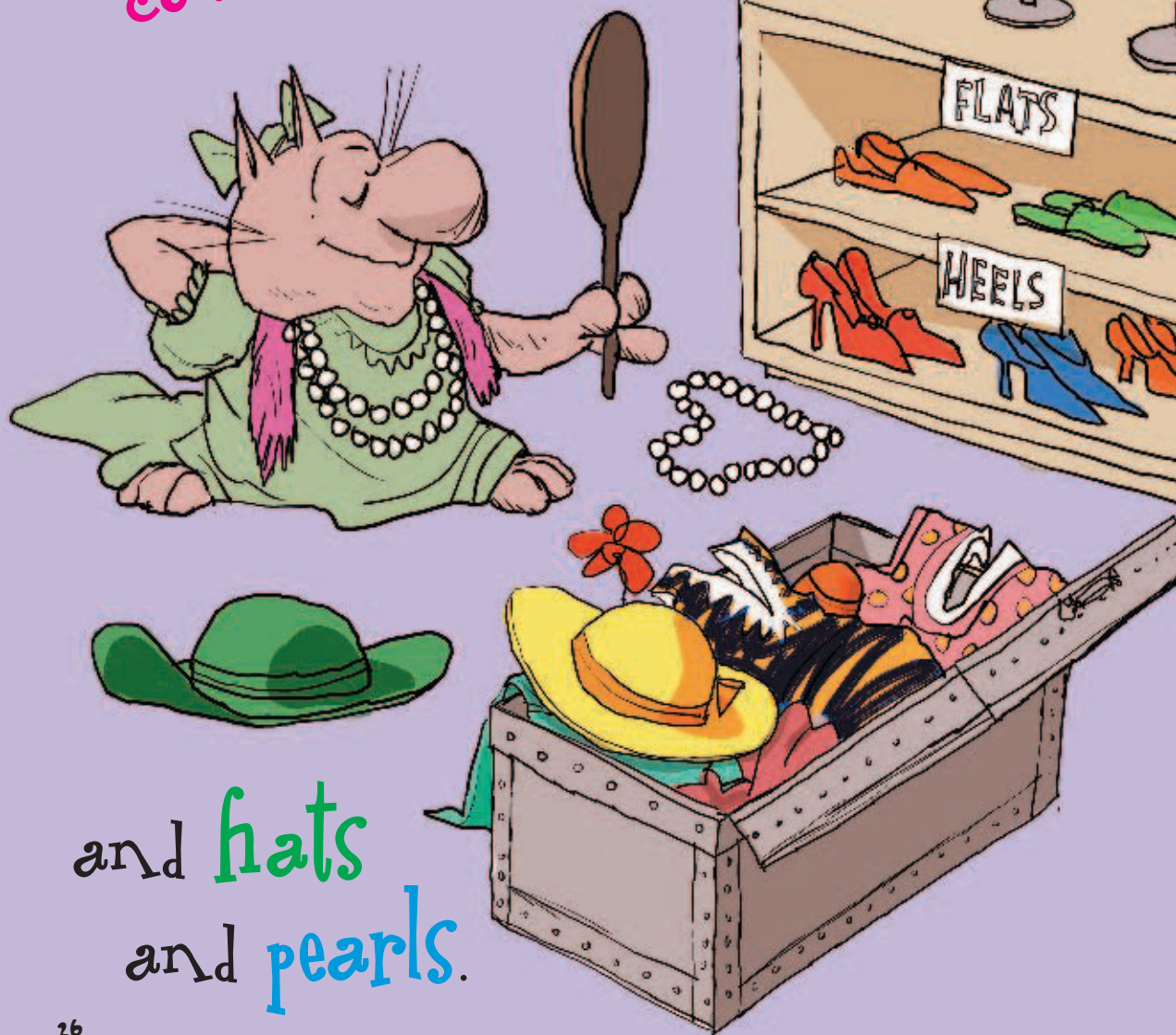


a breeze,  
a sneeze,  
a scary mime.



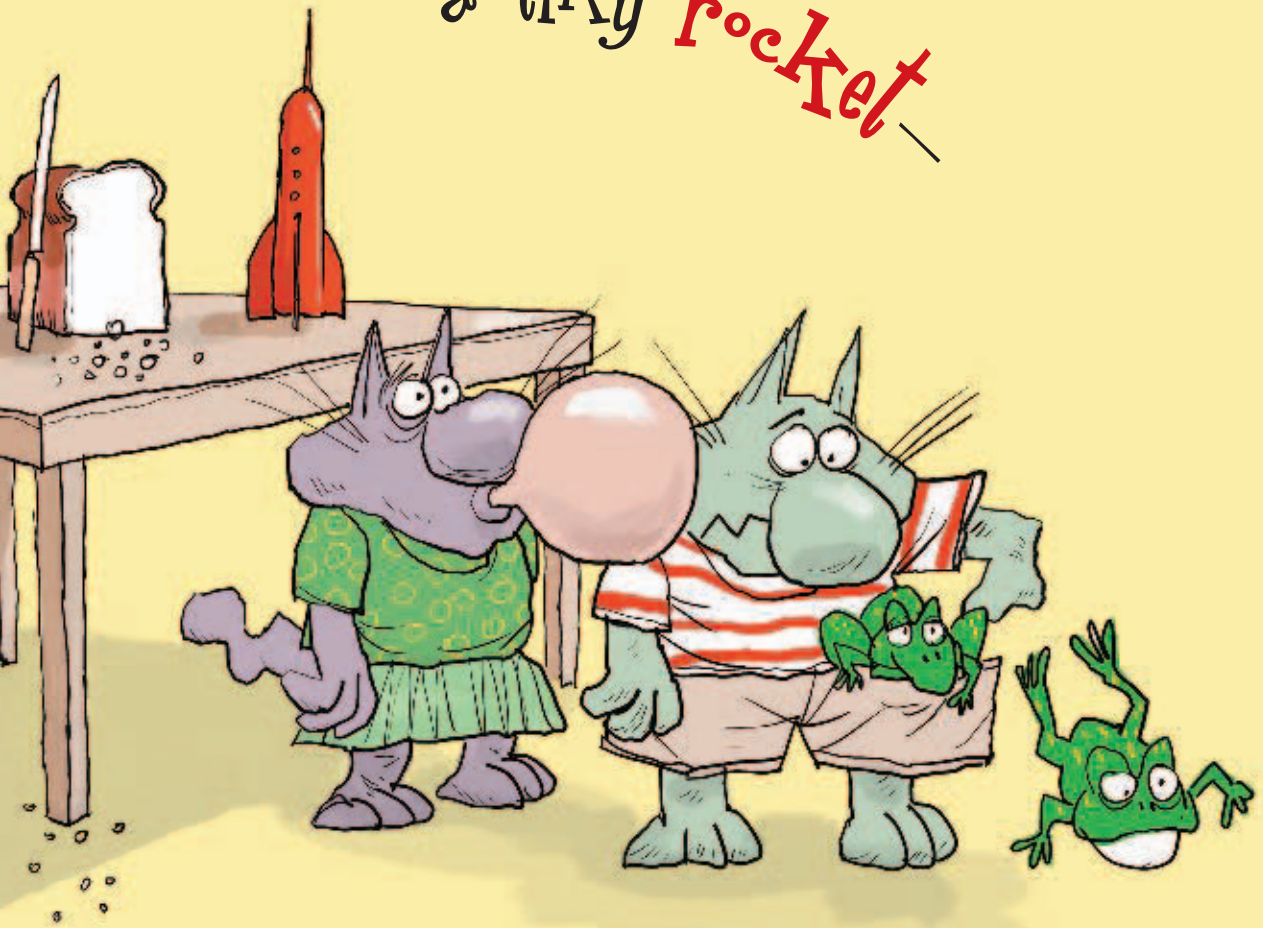


Nouns are words like  
girls and curls,  
cats and flats,



and hats  
and pearls.

A crumb, some gum,  
a tiny rocket—



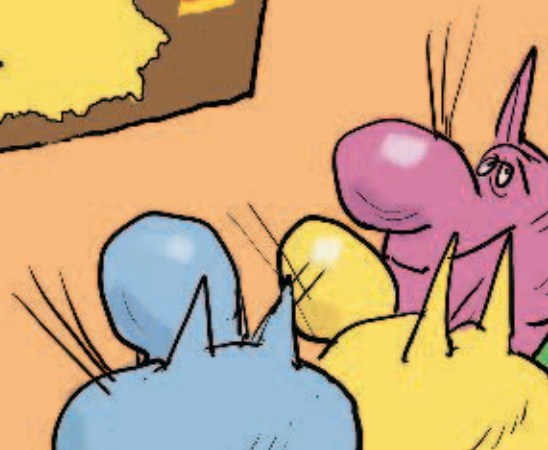
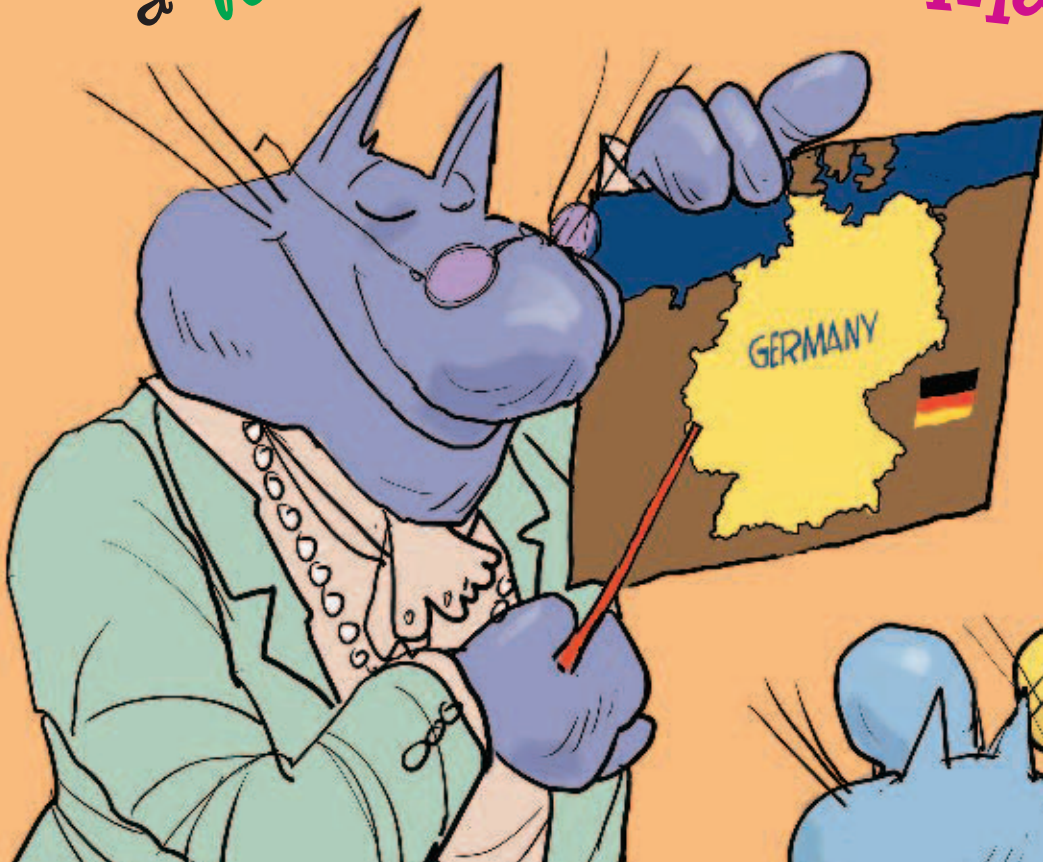
a noun can be  
what's in your pocket.



If it's a **tape** or **DVD**,

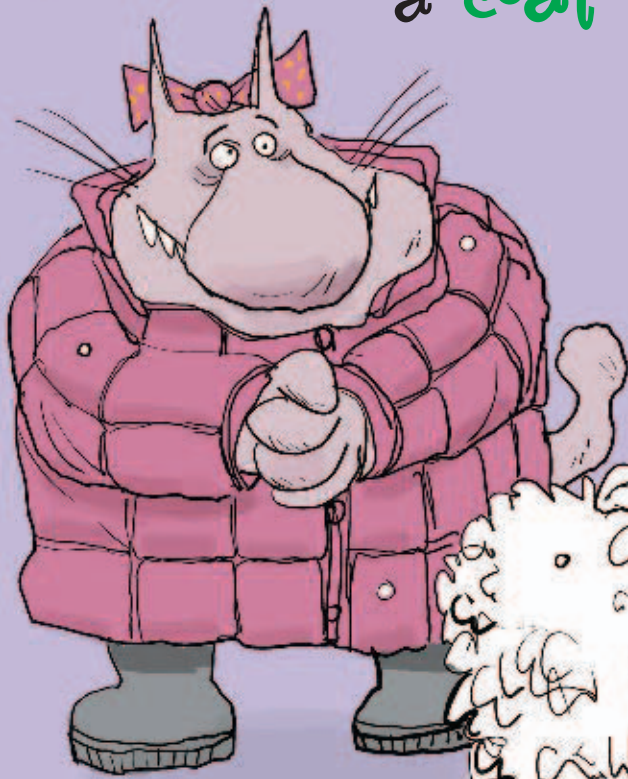


a **teacher's aide** or **Germany**,





a coat that's made of



Wool  
or down,



then say it with me—  
it's a noun!

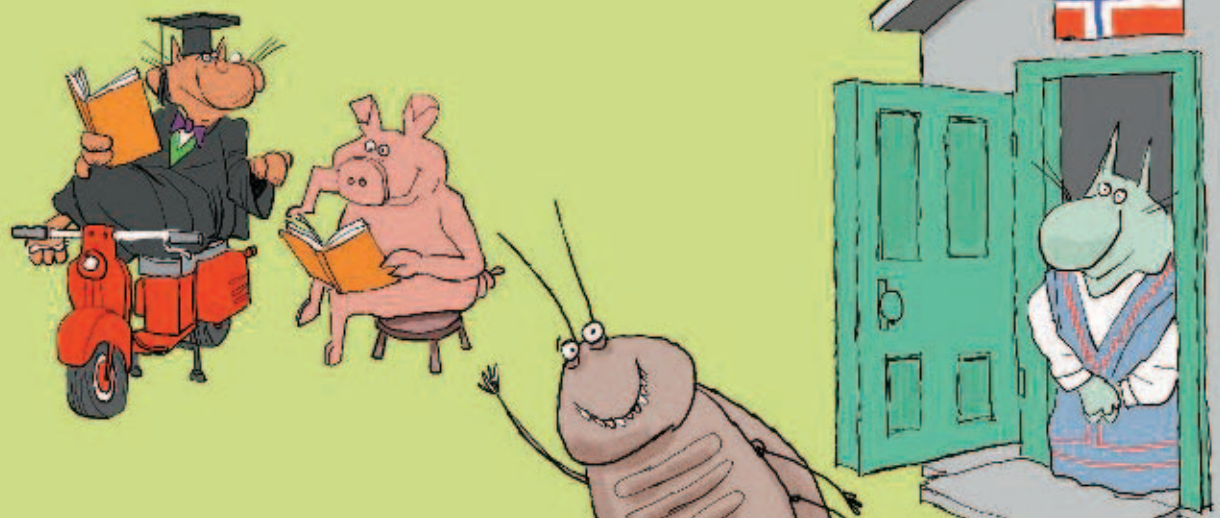
So, what is a noun?







Do you know?





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