A noun is a word or word group used to name a person, a place, a thing, or an idea.

An adjective is a word that is used to modify a noun or a pronoun.

Many words can be used as nouns or as adjectives.

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**EXERCISE**

In each of the following sentences, identify the part of speech of the underlined word or word group by writing above it N for noun or ADJ for adjective.

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2. Geraldo plays two sports at school: baseball and field hockey.
3. The students are busily working on their science projects.
4. Which course in science are you taking this year?
5. I took this snapshot of the New York City skyline.
6. Albany, not New York City, is the capital of New York.
7. For most of the summer, I worked at a local farmers’ market.
8. Did you have a summer job?
9. The library stays open until 8:00 P.M.
10. I need to return these library books today.
11. That ocean liner is famous for its winter cruises.
12. Not every bird flies south for the winter.
13. According to the bus schedule, we should arrive by 3:15 P.M.
14. Do you want to travel by bus?
15. Mr. Morris served as principal of the school for twenty-three years.
16. I believe the principal crops of the Philippines include rice, corn, coconuts, bananas, and pineapples.
17. Our class read Joseph Bruchac’s retelling of the Seneca tale titled “Sky Woman.”
18. Long ago, the Seneca told this story to explain the creation of the earth.
19. Do you practice soccer after school every day?
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Answer Keys:

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