

WORKSHEET 1

Identifying Nouns

Exercise A Underline all of the nouns in the following paragraph. If a noun appears more than once, underline it each time it appears.

EXAMPLE [1] Craters formed by meteorites have shallow floors and uplifted centers.

[1] Mercury is the planet nearest the sun. [2] Recently, data from spacecraft have shown astronomers that Mercury, like our Moon, is covered with craters. [3] The surface of Venus may also be cratered, but thick clouds of gas hide the landscape from telescopes. [4] Craters are formed when large meteorites, which are fragments of comets or asteroids, collide with a planet or a planet's satellite. [5] Some of the craters on the Moon are 320 miles wide.

Exercise B Underline all of the nouns in the following paragraphs. If a noun appears more than once, underline it each time it appears.

EXAMPLE [1] The islands of Hawaii consist of lava and ash built up from the floor of the ocean.

[1] The formation of a volcanic island is a remarkable process. [2] This process often occurs over millions of years. [3] Erupting volcanoes build mountains on the floor of the sea. [4] Each eruption adds more lava to the pile of volcanic rock until, after many years, the volcanic mountain comes within reach of the waves. [5] The submerged island sometimes becomes a coral reef. [6] Other islands rise high above the surface of the ocean, forming rugged mountains with ridges, canyons, and cliffs.

[7] Plants and animals come to the island, either blown in on the wind or washed in with the current. [8] Some forms of life travel to the new island on natural rafts of tree limbs and matted vegetation. [9] Other organisms are carried by the birds that come to the island from other lands. [10] On the Galápagos Islands some forms of life, such as tortoises and sunflowers, grow much larger than they do on the mainland.