

**A noun is a word for  
a person,  
a place  
or a thing**

A proper noun begins with a capital letter. Common nouns do not. Read the Columbus fact sheet. Find the following nouns:

1) names of people: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) names of places \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

3) names of things \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fill in the blanks using the Columbus Fact Sheet:**

Christopher Columbus was looking for a new way to get to the \_\_\_\_\_ . He wanted to travel across the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean to \_\_\_\_\_ and India. King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of \_\_\_\_\_ helped him. They gave him three ships: the \_\_\_\_\_ , the Pinta, and the \_\_\_\_\_ . The three ships left Spain on August 3, 1492. The \_\_\_\_\_ did not see land for a month. Finally, on October 12, 1492, they found land. They called the land \_\_\_\_\_ . Columbus thought he was in \_\_\_\_\_ . He called the people \_\_\_\_\_ . But Columbus was in the \_\_\_\_\_ . He found a new \_\_\_\_\_ by accident. He found \_\_\_\_\_ .