

本課のポイント：名詞（Nouns）

名詞は事物の名称で、普通名詞、固有名詞、物質名詞、抽象名詞と集合名詞があります。

1. 普通名詞：一定の形か区切りを持っていて、同じ種類のものが他にもあり、それを数で数えることができるものにつけた名称。

Tom bought a *pencil*.

Mary has one *orange* and two *apples*.

2. 固有名詞：ある特定の人や物にのみ用いられる名詞で、人、土地、国、国語、天体、曜日、月、祭日、宗教、新聞、雑誌などの名称です。常に大文字ではじまり、原則として冠詞を付けたり、複数形にしません。

Nancy was born on *May* 7, 1949.

English is spoken in *Australia*.

Christmas will be on *Friday* this year.

the + 固有名詞

固有名詞にtheのつく場合は、複数形の固有名詞、川、海、海峡、船舶、新聞、雑誌などです。

The *Thames* is a famous river in the *United Kingdom*.

The *New York Times* is a major newspaper in the *United States*.

The *Johnsons* crossed the *Pacific* on the *Fujimaru*.

3. 物質名詞：一定の形がないために、数で数えることのできない物の名称。数えられないので、複数形がなく、aやanが付かない。材料、元素（天然物）、液体（気体）、食料などがあります。

Ben likes *beef* and *pork*.

Japan imports *oil* from the Middle East.

Kathy's school building is made of *brick* and *wood*.

Don't drink too much cold *water*.

4. 抽象名詞：性質、動作、状態など無形なものを表す名詞で、複数形がなく、aやanが付きません。

Many people fought and died for *freedom*.

Money cannot buy *happiness*.

5. 集合名詞：同種のもの集合体に付けた名称。

The *crew* of this ship are well trained.

Susan has two pieces of *baggage*.

READING

Read the following passage and answer the questions.



My name is Richard Bush. My friends call me Rick. I am 18 years old. I graduated from Simon Huntley High School in Hudson, Missouri, last spring. I am now a freshman at
5 Hudson Community College.



I live with my family. My father is Anthony (Tony), and he is a farmer. He grows wheat and corn. He also raises some cattle. My mother is Elizabeth (Liz), and she teaches
10 French at a junior high school. She taught me French when I went there. My sister Patricia (Pat) is an office worker. My brother Eric goes to primary school. We have a dog John and a cat Lucy. They are important members of our family, though they do not do much work.

As a result of my French classes, I became interested in France and French cul-
15 ture and language. I even spent a summer in Paris. It was a good experience. I took French classes and went sightseeing. I had many opportunities to speak French with French people.

Hudson Community College is a small two-year college, and it has about a thousand students. It is located in my hometown, and I go there by bike. I take English,
20 French, Western civilization, human communication, and psychology. The reason why I chose this small college is mainly financial. It is much cheaper to live with my family. It has a variety of courses for two years.

I am planning to transfer to the University of Kansas after I finish my associate of arts degree (A.A.) in two years. I am thinking about majoring in French or com-
25 puter science there. It has about 25,000 students, including about 10,000 graduate students. It has good foreign language and computer science programs.

The University of Kansas is located in Lawrence, about a three-hour drive from my hometown. It has a large, beautiful campus. It has many buildings and many students. When I visited it, I felt like I was lost. My college has only three buildings, and
30 I cannot get lost.

(332 words)

► **Comprehension**

- 1 . Who is this reading about?
It is about _____ .
- 2 . What does he do?
He is a _____ at Hudson Community College.
- 3 . How many members are there in his family? (excluding animals)
There are _____ family members.
- 4 . Who are they?
They are _____ .
- 5 . Why did he go to Paris?
He became interested in _____ .
- 6 . What did he do there?
He took _____ .
- 7 . Is Hudson Community College a very large college?
_____. It has about 1,000 students.
- 8 . Why did he choose that college?
He chose it for _____ reasons.
- 9 . What is he planning to do after he graduates?
He will _____ to the University of Kansas to study
_____ or computer science.
- 10 . Is the University of Kansas large?
_____. It has 25,000 students.
- 11 . How far away is the University of Kansas?
It is a _____ drive from his hometown.
- 12 . What is the University of Kansas like?
It has a large, beautiful _____. It has many build-
ings and students.

► **Grammar**

Read the passage again and underline the nouns. Then classify those nouns into the five categories of nouns you have studied.

LISTENING EXERCISE

Listen to the tape and fill in the blanks. Use one word in each blank.



Jan: May I have your name?

Rick: My () is Rick Bush.

Jan: Are you a high school student?

Rick: No. I am in ().

Jan: Are you living in a dorm?

Rick: No, I live with my ().

Jan: How many brothers and sisters do you have?

Rick: I have one (), Eric and one (), Pat.

Jan: Do you have any pets?

Rick: Yes, we have () () and a cat.

Jan: What do you study at school?

Rick: I study (), (), psychology, Western civilization, and human communication.

Jan: Have you ever been to France?

Rick: Yes, I spent () () () ().

Jan: How soon are you going to graduate?

Rick: In about () ().

Jan: What are you going to do after that?

Rick: I will study either () or computer science at the University of Kansas.

PRODUCTION EXERCISE

Answer the questions. Give true information about yourself.



1 . Which college do you go to?

I go to ().

2 . Tell me a few of the subjects you study in college.

I study ().

3 . How do you get to school?

I ().

4 . When will you graduate?

In () years.

5 . What are you going to do after you graduate?

I will ().