

Grammar Exercises

Exercise 1.7 B

Practice based on Question 14 (Sample English tests: Grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2 – Level 6)

Purpose of exercise: Identify types of noun

There are these types of noun:

abstract noun	collective noun	common noun	proper noun
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An **abstract noun** is something that you can't see, hear, feel or taste, for example: My love is like a red, red rose.

A **collective noun** is a word used for a group of people or things, for example: The gaggle of geese seemed quite scary to the kittens.

A **common noun** is a word used for a class of person, place or thing, for example: The man climbed into his car.

A **proper noun** is the name of a person, place or thing. A proper noun always starts with a capital letter, for example: Naomi lives in London.

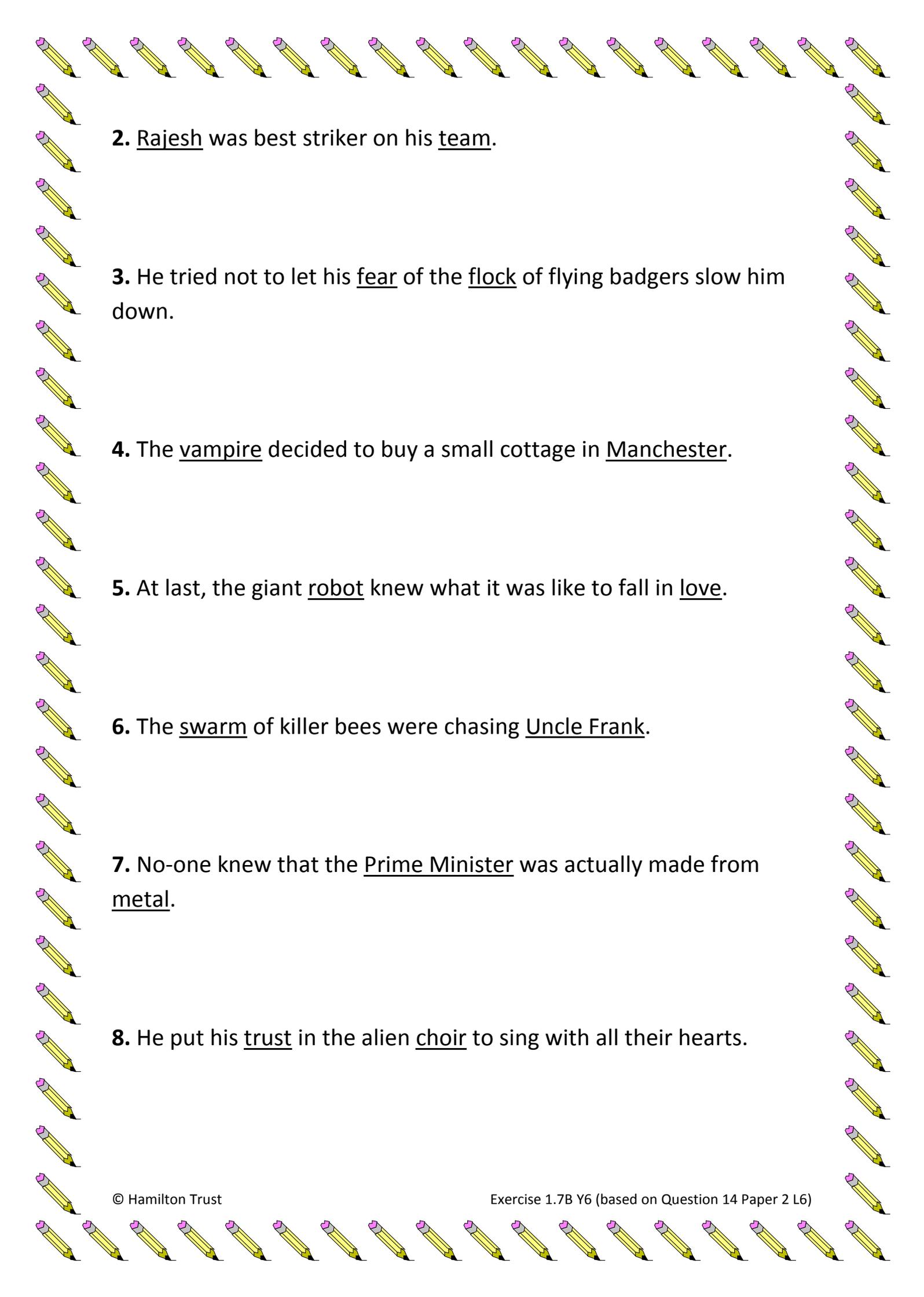
Identify each type of **noun** in each of the sentence below. The first one is done for you.

The artist felt that she stood out from the crowd because of her dress and also her sense of humour.

crowd = collective noun

humour = abstract noun

1. Curiosity killed the cat.



2. Rajesh was best striker on his team.

3. He tried not to let his fear of the flock of flying badgers slow him down.

4. The vampire decided to buy a small cottage in Manchester.

5. At last, the giant robot knew what it was like to fall in love.

6. The swarm of killer bees were chasing Uncle Frank.

7. No-one knew that the Prime Minister was actually made from metal.

8. He put his trust in the alien choir to sing with all their hearts.