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Underline the common nouns in the sentences below. Highlight any proper nouns.

1. Many students of English have never heard the name of its greatest hero, James A. H. Murray.
2. Murray was the son of a draper and born in Scotland.
3. Largely self-educated, he never studied at a university but learned to speak Latin, Greek, German, French, Dutch, and at least a dozen other languages.
4. While employed as a teacher, Murray was selected by the Philological Society to lead an ambitious new project.
5. Little did he or anyone else realize then that this project would be amongst the greatest intellectual achievements in history.
6. The proposed work, a comprehensive dictionary of English, would consume seventy-two years of work by countless editors and volunteers.
7. Though it began without him and continued after his death, Murray is acknowledged to be the heart and soul of the dictionary.
8. Eventually, the esteemed Delegates from the famous Oxford University sanctioned the work, which then became known as the Oxford English Dictionary.
9. Murray's greatest personal honor came in 1914 when Oxford University awarded the editor of this massive project an honorary degree.
10. When the final dictionary was published in 1928, Murray's name appeared as the editor, even though he had died more than twelve years earlier.