What Is a Proper Noun? Alphabet Challenge

Proper nouns name specific places/landmarks or people/characters (e.g. Benji the dog). They should always start with a capital letter. Months of the year, days of the week, some events/festivals and brand/company names are also considered to be proper nouns.

Do you think that you could name a proper noun for each letter of the alphabet?

Choose three of these category headings and stick them onto the top of your Alphabet Challenge table on the next page. Be careful which you choose as some letters/categories may be very tricky and don't forget your capital letters!

Specific Places/Landmarks	**Specific People**	**TV Shows/Books/Films**
Months of the Year/ Days of the Week	**Events/Festivals**	**Brand/Company Names**

For example:

Letter	Specific Places/Landmarks	TV Shows/Books/Films	Events/Festivals
A	Australia	Avengers Assemble	Advent

Super Duper Tricky Challenges:

- Could you use each of your proper nouns for one letter of the alphabet in a single sentence? e.g. The Avengers Assemble cast visited Australia during Advent.
- Are there some combinations of letters and categories that are impossible to find examples for? Why? Discuss this with your partner/group.
- Play a Proper Noun Guessing Game with your partner, e.g. I have a country beginning with 'A' – can you guess what it is? Let them ask three yes or no questions before getting them to write down their guess on a whiteboard. Did they guess it? Did they write the proper noun with a capital letter?

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Letter	Stick your chosen category heading here.	Stick your chosen category heading here.	Stick your chosen category heading here.
A			
B			
C			
D			
E			
F			
G			
H			
I			
J			
K			
L			
M			

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What Is a Proper Noun? Alphabet Challenge Continued

Letter	Stick your chosen category heading here.	Stick your chosen category heading here.	Stick your chosen category heading here.
N			
O			
P			
Q			
R			
S			
T			
U			
V			
W			
X			
Y			
Z			

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