

Is It a Noun or Is It a Verb?

Some words can be used as both as nouns and verbs, which can get very confusing! Try and remember this little trick to help you use these particular words in different ways within your sentences.

The word '**point**' can be both a noun and verb.

To use '**point**' as a **noun**, put a **determiner** like '**a**', '**an**' or '**the**' before it,

e.g. Henry sharpened his pencil to **a point**. (noun)

To use '**point**' as a **verb**, put the word '**to**' before it,

e.g. The little girl started **to point** out of the coach window. (verb)

1. Read these sentences. Is the underlined word being used as a noun or a verb?
 - a) The group stood at the front of the class to present their debate speech. _____
Rubbing her eyes in disbelief, Nisha ran over to the present underneath the Christmas tree. _____
 - b) Dad was extremely pleased with the progress Billy had made in Year 6. _____
Victoria was trying to progress into the 100m backstroke final. _____
 - c) Holly was starting to suspect that her little brother had stolen the last chocolate biscuit. _____
After a long chase, the police officer finally caught up with the suspect. _____
2. Now, it's your turn. Use these words in two different sentences: one where the word is used as a noun and one where it is used as a verb.
 - a) Write a sentence using the word 'display' as a **verb**.

 - Write a sentence using the word 'display' as a **noun**.

 - b) Write a sentence using the word 'scratch' as a **verb**.

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Write a sentence using the word 'scratch' as a **noun**.

c) Write a sentence using the word 'wave' as a **verb**.

Write a sentence using the word 'wave' as a **noun**.

d) Write a sentence using the word 'lift' as a **verb**.

Write a sentence using the word 'lift' as a **noun**.

e) Write a sentence using the word 'land' as a **verb**.

Write a sentence using the word 'land' as a **noun**.

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Answers

1. a) verb, noun.
b) noun, verb.
c) verb, noun.

2. a) Write a sentence using the word 'display' as a verb.
e.g. Mum proudly put George's certificate on the wall to display it.
Write a sentence using the word 'display' as a noun.
e.g. The teachers worked hard to put up the display before the children arrived.
b) Write a sentence using the word 'scratch' as a verb.
e.g. The flea-ridden cat used its claws to scratch its fur.
Write a sentence using the word 'scratch' as a noun.
e.g. Miss Verity would not be pleased when she saw the scratch down the side of her new car.
c) Write a sentence using the word 'wave' as a verb.
e.g. The Year 6 pupils started to wave through the coach windows as they left for their residential trip.
Write a sentence using the word 'wave' as a noun.
e.g. The wave knocked the surfer straight off his surfboard.
d) Write a sentence using the word 'lift' as a verb.
e.g. The weightlifter tried to lift the heavy bar.
Write a sentence using the word 'lift' as a noun.
e.g. The lazy man caught the lift to go up just one floor.
e) Write a sentence using the word 'land' as a verb.
e.g. Under immense pressure, the brave pilot managed to land the plane with only one engine.
Write a sentence using the word 'land' as a noun.
e.g. The farmer used a horse to help to plough the land.