

Noun, Verb, Adverb or Adjective?

Nouns, **verbs**, **adverbs** and **adjectives** - they're everywhere! We see them all the time when we read... we use them all the time when we write!

But sometimes it can be difficult to remember exactly which is which. Can you work out which word should go with which meaning and draw a line to match them? (If you're not sure, a dictionary might help.)

noun

A word that tells you **what** someone (or something) is **doing**.

verb

A word that tells you **how** someone (or something) is **doing** something.

Hint: you can add it to a verb!

adverb

The **name** of a thing, a person, or a place.

adjective

A word that **describes** a thing, a person, or a place.

Now see if you can sort these words into the correct columns of the table:

car	soft	jump	giggle	quickly	Tom
angry	sheep	burn	silently	Glasgow	read
sit	messily	tiny	creep	pen	hot

nouns	verbs	adverbs	adjectives

Can you spot some **nouns**, **verbs**, **adverbs** and **adjectives** in these pieces of text? Highlight or underline them using different colours to show which is which. (Stick to the same colours for each sentence.)

1. The anxious worm wiggled hurriedly towards his home.
2. "I am so proud of you!" said Mum, hugging him so tightly he struggled to breathe.
3. "And who owns this revolting specimen?" the teacher hissed sourly.
4. She pouted indignantly. "Scotland is not as rainy as some people might think it is!" she said, looking pointedly at Ratbag.
5. Suddenly the shabby old hat rose into the air. Alice watched it confidently, her green eyes sparkling.
6. The greedy toad hopped away miserably, shaking with sobs. Amy felt slightly sorry for him, even after his disgraceful behaviour.
7. Gradually the summer sun crept above the horizon, sending its gentle rays across the dewy grass. Joe felt its warmth on his face, his eyes still heavy with sleep. He yawned softly, stretched his arms over his head lazily and wondered what the new day would bring.

CHALLENGE

Create a few short pieces of text of your own and highlight or underline the **nouns**, **verbs**, **adverbs** and **adjectives** just as you did in the task above. We are looking forward to seeing what you come up with!