

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, look at these sentences. Is the underlined word being used as a verb or a noun? Remember to look at the word before it to give you a clue.
 - a) The recycling club members were able to help the school caretaker by collecting all of the rubbish from the playground. _____
 - b) Mr Foster put a cover over his antique sports car in his garage. _____
 - c) During the literacy lesson, the children had to film their presentations. _____
3. 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**.

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

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

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

4. Challenge: Can you think of one more word of your own that can be both a noun and a verb? Use the word in two different sentences: one where it is a noun and one where it is a verb.

My chosen word is _____

Used as a noun: _____

Used as a verb: _____
