

Parts of Speech: Nouns vs. Verbs

Sometimes, a word can be more than one part of speech. You can identify the part of speech by identifying the job the word does in the sentence.

A noun names a person, place, thing, or idea.

The underlined word in the sentence below is a noun.

The cook at the restaurant made fresh meatballs.

A verb is a word that describes an action or a state of being.

The underlined word in the sentence below is a verb.

I watched my father ^(he cooks) cook dinner.



Read each sentence below and look carefully at the underlined words.

- If the word names a person, place, thing, or idea, it is a **NOUN**. Write **N** in the line.
- If the word shows an action, it is a **VERB**. Write **V** in the blank.

1. _____ The boat's sail needed mending.
2. _____ My friends and I play soccer in the vacant lot.
3. _____ Charles drew three large circles on his paper.
4. _____ The football player performed a victory dance after he scored.
5. _____ We will sail away in the morning.
6. _____ Sam watched the cowboy rope a steer at the rodeo.
7. _____ I dance when I am happy.
8. _____ The eagle circles over the valley.
9. _____ Erin and Amy are going to a play this afternoon.
10. _____ We made a swing with a tire and a rope.
11. _____ I'll bring the juice drinks to the party.
12. _____ The puppy drinks a lot of water after she plays.

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Challenge:

- * Write a complete sentence using the word swing as a verb.

Directions: Do **BOTH** sides of the paper.

This side only: underline the VERB in the following sentences and write the **PROOF** above it.

Verb Proof = (I _____, you _____, he _____s) – just pick 1 that fits the sentence.

(*he is*)

EXAMPLE: Joe is the winner of the raffle.

1. One popular hobby is stamp collecting.
2. Some people collect stamps from one country only.
3. Sports fans trade baseball, football, or basketball cards.
4. Different kinds of cards are everywhere
5. Music provides a hobby for some.
6. People of all ages sing by themselves or in a choir.
7. More active people participate in sports.
8. Bowling is a relaxing hobby.
9. Hobbies include board games and card games.
10. Hobbies were simpler during our grandparents' time.

DON'T FORGET TO DO THE BACK!

Being verbs:

AM, IS, ARE, WAS, WERE, BE, BEING
BEEN