

Mastering Nouns and Verbs with Max and Pip

Learning objective: To identify, distinguish, and categorise nouns and verbs within sentences to improve grammatical precision.

Read the front of each flashcard to identify the grammar term or challenge. Use the back of the card to check your understanding. Discuss with a partner how changing the verb can transform the meaning of a sentence.

What is a noun?

A noun is a naming word for a person, place, animal, or thing.

What is a verb?

A verb is a 'doing', 'being', or 'having' word that describes an action or state.

Identify the proper noun in this sentence: Max visited London.

London (and Max). Proper nouns always require a capital letter.

Is 'caterpillar' a common or proper noun?

Common noun. It refers to a type of creature, not a specific name.

Which word is the verb in this sentence: Pip reads a book?

Reads (the action being performed).

What is an abstract noun? Give an example.

A noun that refers to an idea, quality, or state rather than a physical object, such as 'happiness' or 'courage'.

Identify the verb in: The lion roars loudly.

Roars.

Transform this noun into a verb: 'The jump'.

To jump.

Is 'brave' a noun or an adjective?

It is an adjective. The noun form is 'bravery'.

Why must every sentence have a verb?

A verb is the engine of the sentence, without it, there is no action or state of being, meaning the sentence cannot express a complete thought.

Identify the noun and the verb in: Bea collects nectar.

Noun = Bea (and nectar); Verb = collects.

Can a word be both a noun and a verb? Give an example.

Yes. For example, 'dance' (the noun: the dance was lovely; the verb: we dance together).