

Year 4 English Assessment: Nouns and Verbs

Learning objective: To identify, classify, and apply nouns and verbs effectively within sentences to improve descriptive writing.

Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting and ensure you use capital letters and full stops where required. Think about how nouns and verbs work together to create a vivid image.

Pip the caterpillar crawled across the velvet leaf. High above, Nova the owl watched the shimmering stars. She adjusted her telescope carefully, searching for a new pattern in the sky. Suddenly, Max the monkey swung from a branch and landed gracefully on the grass. 'Look!' he exclaimed, pointing at the bright horizon.

Word bank: caterpillar · scampered · stargazing · magnificent · whispered · constellation · leaped · adventure · thoughtfully · telescope

1. Identify two common nouns and two proper nouns from the passage above. (2 marks)

2. Find and list three verbs used in the passage that show movement. (3 marks)

3. Explain why the author chose to use the verb 'scampered' instead of 'walked' when describing a character's movement. How does this change the reader's understanding of the character? (3 marks)

4. Rewrite the following sentence by adding two adjectives to describe the noun and changing the verb to one that is more powerful: 'The owl looked at the sky.' (4 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the function of a noun and a verb. Why is a sentence incomplete if it contains only a noun? (4 marks)

6. Creative Writing Task: Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing an adventure involving Pip and Nova. You must include at least four nouns and four verbs. Underline your nouns in pencil and circle your verbs in pen. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene where Pip the caterpillar is teaching Nova the owl how to read a map. Label one noun and one verb in your illustration.



Extension challenge: Justify your answer: If you were to remove all the verbs from a story, what might happen to the narrative? Explain why verbs are the 'engines' of a sentence. Total: /25