

Max and Zara's Grammar Garden: Nouns and Verbs

Grow your vocabulary and watch your writing flourish!

- A noun is a word that identifies a person, place, object, or an abstract idea like 'courage'. Can you spot the noun in this sentence: 'The curious owl watched the moon'?
- A verb is a word used to describe an action, state, or occurrence. In the sentence 'Max solves the puzzle', the word 'solves' is the verb.
- Proper nouns, such as 'Zara' or 'London', must always begin with a capital letter, even when they appear in the middle of a sentence.
- Action verbs show physical movement, like 'jump', 'write', or 'climb'. State-of-being verbs, like 'is', 'was', or 'seem', describe a condition rather than a movement.
- To make your writing more vivid, choose precise verbs. Instead of 'The monkey went to the tree', try 'The monkey scurried to the tree'.

Did you know? Did you know that some words can be both nouns and verbs depending on how you use them? For example, you can 'park' your bicycle (verb) in the 'park' (noun) near the playground. These are called homographs!

Key vocabulary: Common noun · Proper noun · Abstract noun · Action verb · State-of-being verb · Subject · Predicate