

# 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) Gemma wrote the email and pressed 'send'. \_\_\_\_\_

Standing by the computer, Adam waited for his friend to email him. \_\_\_\_\_

b) Every time he told a joke, Amina's dad giggled to himself. \_\_\_\_\_

Isabelle liked to joke with her friends. \_\_\_\_\_

c) Abigail quickly ate some breakfast – she knew she would need to race to school so she wasn't late. \_\_\_\_\_

Jumping as fast as he could, Daniel won the race. \_\_\_\_\_

2. 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 'smile' as a **verb**.

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

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