

44 Verbs and nouns with the same form

- Many verbs in English can be used as nouns, with the same form and a similar meaning.
*Did you **promise** to help him?* *Did you **make a promise** to help him?*
- When the verbs are used as nouns, you need to learn which verb to use with the noun.
*She **surprised** me.* *She **gave** me a **surprise**.*
*Could I **look** at your paper?* *Could I **have a look** at your paper?*
*What **caused** the accident?* *What **was** the **cause** of the accident?*



The boys were **fighting**.
The boys were **having a fight**.



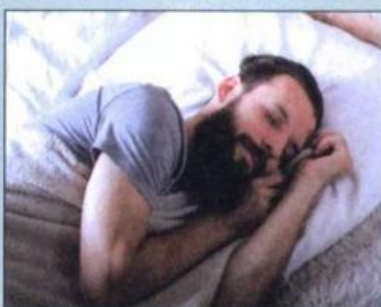
I **called** Jim.
I **gave** Jim a **call**.



I **slept** well.
I **had** a good **sleep**.



Does it **smell** nice?
Does it **have a nice smell**?



I **dream** about Ava.
I **have dreams** about Ava.



She **smiled at** me.
She **gave** me a **smile**.

Here are some more examples.

*Did you **reply**?*
*Did they **comment on** your work?*
*He can't **control** that dog.*
*I **emailed** you yesterday.*
*We often **chat**.*
*How much did the hotel **cost**?*
*Can you **copy** this?*

*Did you **write/send** Jana a **reply**?*
*Did they **make a comment on** your work?*
*He **has no control over** that dog.*
*I **sent** you an **email** yesterday.*
*We often **have a chat**.*
*What **was the cost** of the hotel?*
*Can you **make a copy** of this?*

GLOSSARY

promise	say you will certainly do or not do sth promise <i>n</i>	control	make sb/sth do what you want control <i>n</i>
surprise	do sth that sb does not think you are going to do surprise <i>n</i>	chat (to sb)	talk in a friendly informal way to sb chat <i>n</i>
cause	be the reason why sth happens cause <i>n</i>	copy	write, draw or make sth exactly the same as sth else: We copied a list of words into our notebooks. copy <i>n</i>
comment (on sth)	say or write what you think about sth comment <i>n</i>		

1 Circle the sound that is different. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.

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|-----------|----------|---------|------------|----------|---------|
| ▶ promise | surprise | cause | 3 over | comment | cost |
| 1 comment | control | promise | 4 surprise | smell | cause |
| 2 promise | surprise | write | 5 copy | surprise | control |

2 Do you need your hands and/or your mouth? Write H, or M, or H and M.

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|------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| ▶ make a promise | M | ▶ send an email | H |
| 1 make a copy | | 4 give someone a call | |
| 2 give someone a smile | | 5 send a reply | |
| 3 have a fight | | 6 have a chat | |

3 Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in the box.

control	dream	fight	sleep	surprise	cost
cause	promise	smell	comment ✓	chat	

- ▶ The boss commented on your work – he was very pleased with it.
- 1 The hotel was expensive, but I don't know exactly how much it _____.
- 2 The police caught the young men – they were _____ outside a night club.
- 3 It's a very big dog, and I'm afraid my wife can't _____ it.
- 4 I can't come tomorrow because I _____ to take my children to the zoo.
- 5 I stopped to _____ with a couple of friends. We talked about the game last Saturday.
- 6 Molly expected me at 8.00, so I arrived at 7.30 to _____ her.
- 7 I could _____ something wonderful coming from the kitchen: roast beef.
- 8 I was _____ about our holiday when I woke up.
- 9 There was something wrong with the computer, but I don't know what _____ the problem.
- 10 I went to bed early but I couldn't _____.

4 Rewrite the sentences using the verb as a noun.

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| ▶ She emailed me. | She <u>sent me an email</u> |
| 1 I dreamt about you. | I _____ |
| 2 Did he comment on the report? | Did he _____? |
| 3 She promised to help me. | She _____ |
| 4 Does this soap smell nice? | Does this soap _____? |
| 5 They surprised him. | They _____ |
| 6 I must reply to Jilly's letter. | I must _____ |
| 7 Did you call Mo? | Did you _____? |
| 8 I looked at her newspaper. | I _____ |
| 9 Could you copy this? | Could you _____? |
| 10 He smiled at me this morning | He _____ |

5 ABOUT YOU Write down something that ...

- ▶ you promised to do I promised to help my father at the weekend.
- you sometimes dream about _____
- costs a lot of money in your country _____
- has a strong smell _____
- is the main cause of problems in your country _____
- surprises you about people in your country _____
- the world cannot control _____



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