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 you **write/send** Jana **a reply**?*
*Did they **comment on** your work?*	*Did they **make a comment on** your work?*
*He can't **control** that dog.*	*He **has no control over** that dog.*
*I **emailed** you yesterday.*	*I **sent** you **an email** yesterday.*
*We often **chat**.*	*We often **have a chat**.*
***How much** did the hotel **cost**?*	*What **was the cost** of the hotel?*
*Can you **copy** this?*	*Can you **make a copy** of this?*

GLOSSARY

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

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

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

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

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

▶ She emailed me. She sent me an email .....
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 .....
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costs a lot of money in your country .....
.....
has a strong smell .....
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is the main cause of problems in your country .....
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surprises you about people in your country .....
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the world cannot control .....

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