

94 Verbs and nouns with the same form

Many words can be used as a noun or verb with the same base form, and often with a closely related meaning. You will already know many of these words in one or other form.



1 in the shade



2 a bad tackle

VERBS	NOUNS
He leads the race by five seconds.	He has a lead of five seconds in the race.
I'm drafting a letter.	I'm writing the first draft of a letter.
I was shaded by the trees.	We sat in the shade ¹ of the trees.
Our luggage is being transported by sea.	They are using sea transport for our luggage.
Everyone cheered loudly.	There was a loud cheer from everyone.
We use a device to filter water.	We use a water filter .
He tackled the player badly.	It was a bad tackle ² .
I paused for a moment, then continued.	There was a pause for a moment, then I continued.
They tortured some of the men.	Some of the men suffered torture .
We really had to battle to win the game.	It was a real battle to win the game.

In some cases, the meanings of a noun and verb with the same base form are further apart.

I deposited the money in the bank.	I have to leave a deposit of £200.
We must combat this threat to the environment.	The weapons are used in combat .
We need to extract as much information as possible.	He asked me to read an extract .
I hope to mate the two dogs.	Bryn has lots of good mates .
We traced him to an address in York.	They found no trace of the money.
The shareholders have disputed the figures.	The countries have had a long dispute .

GLOSSARY			
lead	the position ahead of others in a race, competition or contest lead v	combat n	fighting, especially during a time of war
draft	write the first version of sth such as a letter, speech or book draft n	combat v	stop sth harmful or unpleasant from happening, or from getting worse
transport	take sth/sb from one place to another in a vehicle transport n	extract n	a short piece from a book, piece of music etc, that gives you an idea what the whole is like
cheer	a shout of joy, support or praise cheer v	extract v	obtain money, information, etc, often by taking it from sb who is unwilling to give it
filter	a device containing paper, chemicals, etc. that a liquid or gas is passed through in order to remove unwanted material filter v	mate n inf	a friend
pause	stop talking or doing sth for a short time before continuing pause n	mate v	(of two animals or birds) have sex in order to produce young
torture	the act of causing sb severe pain in order to punish them or make them say sth torture v	trace n	a mark or sign that sth existed or happened
battle (with/for/against sth)	a big effort that sb makes to solve a problem or succeed in a difficult situation battle v	trace v	find sb/sth by looking carefully for them/it SYN track sb/sth down
deposit n	a sum of money that is given as the first part of a larger payment	dispute n	an argument or a disagreement between two people, groups or countries
deposit v	put money into a bank account	dispute v	question whether sth is true and valid

1 Underline the stress on these words. Use the APP to help you.

transport *n* transport *v* combat *n, v* extract *n*
extract *v* deposit *n, v* dispute *n, v* torture *n, v*

2 Match 1–8 with a–h

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| 1 He tackled | a for a moment, then carried on. |
| 2 She drafted | b loudly when they scored. |
| 3 He paused | c the player without the ball. |
| 4 She sat | d some distant members of her family. |
| 5 He deposited | e with alcoholism for years. |
| 6 She's traced | f a couple of emails. |
| 7 He battled | g in the shade to stay cool. |
| 8 She cheered | h most of the money in a bank account. |

3 Rewrite these sentences using the noun instead of the underlined verb.

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| 1 The speaker <u>paused</u> , then sat down. | There |
| 2 The table was completely <u>shaded</u> . | The table |
| 3 We have a device to <u>filter</u> the oil. | We have |
| 4 The Liberals are <u>leading</u> by five points. | The Liberals |
| 5 We could hear the crowd <u>cheering</u> . | We could |
| 6 They <u>tortured</u> two of the prisoners. | Two of the prisoners |
| 7 How will they <u>transport</u> the goods? | What ..? |
| 8 It will be a <u>battle</u> to get the idea approved. | They will |

4 Complete the sentences with a suitable noun or verb.

- He read a short from his new play.
- I'd like you to meet a of mine. His name is Patrick.
- I'm trying to the family who used to live in our house.
- The landlord wants a of one month's rent.
- Several soldiers were killed or wounded in
- Police recovered the money but there was no of the stolen jewellery.
- Doctors are looking for a way to the spread of the disease.
- Where can I the money?
- The government have released the figures, but the opposition are them.
- The player was just outside the penalty area.

5 ABOUT YOU Write answers to the questions, or talk to another student.

- Who is your best mate?
- Have you ever been in dispute with an organization. If so, what was it about?
- Have you ever tried to trace your family history?
- Have you ever had to battle really hard to achieve something? If so, what?
- When was the last time you deposited money in a bank account? How much was it for?
- Do you prefer sitting in the sun or in the shade? Why?
- Do you often cheer at sports events or social events? If so, what particular events?
- Have you ever had to pay a deposit for something? If so, what, and when?

6 Look at this list of verbs. Which ones can also be used as nouns with the same form?

abuse accept alert adjust applaud
support bid bow coincide chase



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