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

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1 Underline the stress on these words. Use the APS 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

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.

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

4 Complete the sentences with a suitable noun or verb.

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

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

1 Who is your best mate? _____
2 Have you ever been in dispute with an organization. If so, what was it about? _____
3 Have you ever tried to trace your family history? _____
4 Have you ever had to battle really hard to achieve something? If so, what? _____
5 When was the last time you deposited money in a bank account? How much was it for? _____
6 Do you prefer sitting in the sun or in the shade? Why? _____
7 Do you often cheer at sports events or social events? If so, what particular events? _____
8 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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