

01 Functions of Nouns

A noun can function as the **subject**, **object**, **complement**, or **object of a preposition** in a sentence.

Subject	The <u>customer</u> wanted to get a refund.
Object	You must submit your <u>résumé</u> by Friday.
Complement	The man over there is my <u>colleague</u> .
Object of a preposition	Some people are not interested in <u>policies</u> .

The architect/has designed/buildings and bridges/in San Francisco.

Exercises

A Choose the correct option in brackets for each sentence, then write its function in brackets.

- 1 Mr. Ross is very well qualified for the (position/positioned). ()
- 2 The manager is reviewing the (apply/applications) at the moment. ()
- 3 The two friends became (competitors/compete) in the end. ()
- 4 The (prepare/preparations) for the workshop are progressing well. ()
- 5 The (patient/patiently) arrived thirty minutes before her appointment. ()

B Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

- 1 The bank building will undergo _____ to improve the teller counters.
(A) renovate (B) renovations (C) renovates (D) renovated
- 2 We apologize for the _____ and thank you for choosing KLY Airlines.
(A) delay (B) delaying (C) to delay (D) delayed

02 Positions of Nouns

A noun comes after an article, an adjective or a possessive adjective. When a noun is modified by an adjective, the adjective stands before the noun, so the word order is as follows: [article/possessive adjective + adjective + noun].

Article + noun	the profit	an article	the contract
Possessive adjective + noun	my furniture	his office	their performance
Article/Possessive adjective + adjective + noun	expensive products	a productive meeting	our annual report

Did you receive/the e-mail/that my assistant/sent you/yesterday?

Exercises

A Choose the correct words to fill the gap in each sentence.

my passport high apartment the rent contract an

- 1 What happens if I lose _____?
- 2 He needs some help to finalize _____.
- 3 Susan is looking for _____ with three bedrooms.
- 4 They will move to a different place because of the _____.

B Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

- 1 Mr. Howard called the Service Department to tell them about the television's _____.
(A) defectively (B) defective (C) defected (D) defect
- 2 Two major airlines will offer cheap _____ to Hong Kong next month.
(A) flights (B) fly (C) to fly (D) was flown