

# 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**.



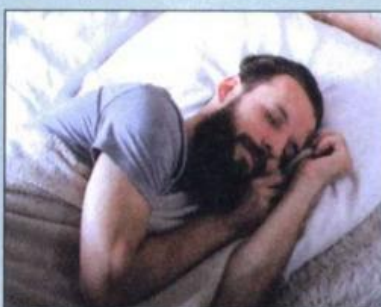
I **called** Jim.  
I **gave** Jim a **call**.



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

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