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	**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*.**

▶	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.**

▶	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 _____
_____
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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