

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**.



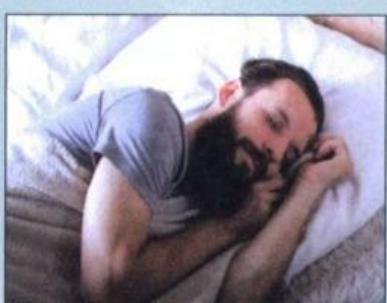
I **called** Jim.
 I **gave Jim a call**.



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

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

1 Circle the sound that is different. Use the  to help you. Practise saying the words.

- promise surprise cause
- 1 comment control promise
- 2 promise surprise write

- 3 over comment cost
- 4 surprise smell cause
- 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
- 1 make a copy
- 2 give someone a smile
- 3 have a fight

- send an email H
- 4 give someone a call
- 5 send a reply
- 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

