

WORDS AS NOUNS AND VERBS

There are many words in English that can be both a noun and a verb.

NOUNS are words that name people, places, things, and ideas.

VERBS are words that show action.

| COMMON WORDS AS NOUNS AND VERBS | | | |
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| answer | end | love | visit |
| back | fish | practice | walk |
| break | hug | smell | water |
| brush | kiss | treat | work |
| cook | laugh | vacuum | |

PRACTICE

INSTRUCTIONS: Decide if each underlined word is a noun (N) or verb (V).

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| 1. What is the <u>answer</u> to the question? | N V | 2. Can you <u>answer</u> the question? | N V |
| 3. <u>Back</u> up your car and go. | N V | 4. My <u>back</u> hurts. | N V |
| 5. I need a <u>break</u> so I can eat. | N V | 6. Don't <u>break</u> the glass. | N V |
| 7. She <u>brushed</u> her hair. | N V | 8. Where is my hair <u>brush</u> ? | N V |
| 9. He <u>cooks</u> every night. | N V | 10. He is a <u>cook</u> . | N V |
| 11. This is the <u>end</u> of the movie. | N V | 12. Class <u>ends</u> at 8:00 p.m. | N V |
| 13. Samuel <u>fishes</u> every Saturday. | N V | 14. Rita likes to eat <u>fish</u> . | N V |
| 15. He always wants a <u>hug</u> . | N V | 16. Mai <u>hugs</u> her son at night. | N V |
| 17. We <u>laughed</u> at the joke. | N V | 18. She has a funny <u>laugh</u> . | N V |
| 19. Tom <u>loves</u> his wife. | N V | 20. He gives her a lot of <u>love</u> . | N V |
| 21. I <u>practice</u> English every day. | N V | 22. This <u>practice</u> is easy. | N V |
| 23. My shirt <u>smells</u> after I work a lot. | N V | 24. This flower has a nice <u>smell</u> . | N V |
| 25. I give the dog a <u>treat</u> when he sits. | N V | 26. I will <u>treat</u> you to lunch. | N V |
| 27. She <u>vacuums</u> the carpet. | N V | 28. He has a new <u>vacuum</u> . | N V |
| 29. We <u>visit</u> her every week. | N V | 30. I had a good <u>visit</u> with her. | N V |
| 31. He <u>walks</u> to work once a week. | N V | 32. Let's go for a <u>walk</u> in the park. | N V |
| 33. I'm hot. I need some <u>water</u> . | N V | 34. He <u>waters</u> the garden at night. | N V |
| 35. They go to <u>work</u> at 6 a.m. | N V | 36. She <u>works</u> on the weekends. | N V |