

Nouns and verbs

Many words in English can be used either as **nouns** or **verbs**.

For example: There was a fight in the yard at break.
You are not to fight in school.

In the first sentence the word **fight** is used as a **noun**. In the second sentence the word **fight** is used as a **verb**.

Read through the following sentences carefully.

Say if the word underlined in each sentence is being used as a noun or a verb.

1. "Could I have a drink please?" said Mary.
2. "Drink your milk quickly," said the teacher, "or you will miss break."
3. The fire glowed warmly in the hearth.
4. "Fire at will!" shouted the drill sergeant.
5. The light from the lighthouse warned the ships off the rocky coast.
6. "Light the gas under the vegetables at twelve o'clock," said Tom's mum.
7. You should take a break away from the computer from time to time.
8. "Did you break that vase?" asked mum angrily.
9. They went to the theatre to see a play.
10. "You can go out to play at break," said the teacher.
11. The teacher looked at his watch again.
12. They all went to watch the match on Saturday afternoon.

All the following words can be used as either a noun or a verb.

bend	sleep	run	look	laugh	blame
scratch	match	copy	cut	ape	bicycle

Write a sentence for each word using the word as a noun and a sentence for each word using the word as a verb.