Word Job Detectives

What does each word tell?

2.LF.45.a "Identify the role of a noun, verb, adjective, and adverb within a sentence and explain the type of the information it conveys."

NAME _____ DATE _____

NOUN

A noun names a person, place, animal, or thing. It tells who or what a sentence is about.

Bright **lanterns** glow.

VERB

An action verb tells what someone or something does.

Puppies **wiggle**.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle NOUN or VERB for each bold word; for Part 2, choose two numbered sentences and explain how you know each bold word's job.

1. The rabbit **hops** over a log. NOUN VERB

2. A **kite** flies above us. NOUN VERB

3. My **uncle** cooks soup. NOUN VERB

4. The children **clap** to the beat. NOUN VERB

5. A fish **swims** near the rocks. NOUN VERB

6. We see a **bridge** ahead. NOUN VERB

7. The **moon** shines tonight. NOUN VERB

8. A **drum** sits in the corner. NOUN VERB

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with an underlined noun and one new sentence with an underlined action verb.

NOUN _____

VERB _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with two nouns and one action verb. Underline the nouns, then write the verb below your sentence.

ANSWER KEY # Word Job Detectives

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The rabbit **hops** over a log.	**VERB**	Hops tells what the rabbit does.
2	A **kite** flies above us.	**NOUN**	Kite names a thing.
3	My **uncle** cooks soup.	**NOUN**	Uncle names a person.
4	The children **clap** to the beat.	**VERB**	Clap tells what the children do.
5	A fish **swims** near the rocks.	**VERB**	Swims tells what the fish does.
6	We see a **bridge** ahead.	**NOUN**	Bridge names a thing.
7	The **moon** shines tonight.	**NOUN**	Moon names a thing.
8	A **drum** sits in the corner.	**NOUN**	Drum names a thing.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **NOUN**: Birds sing at dawn.
- **VERB**: Leaves flutter in the wind.

Challenge: The fox chases a mouse. Verb: chases

For Part 2, accept explanations that name what the word tells, such as an action or a person, animal, or thing. For Part 3, check that each underlined word has the requested job in its sentence.