Words at Work

Sort words and explain what they do.

L.3.1.a "Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs in a grade-level text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

NOUN

A noun names a person, place, or thing. It tells who or what a sentence mentions.

A **chef** stirs soup.

VERB

A verb tells what someone or something does. It shows an action in a sentence.

Birds **glide** overhead.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle NOUN or VERB for each bold word; for Part 2, choose two numbered items and explain how you knew where each word belonged.

1. A **lantern** lit the porch. NOUN VERB
2. The **puppy** slept on a rug. NOUN VERB
3. Mina **whispers** to her friend. NOUN VERB
4. We walked through the **forest**. NOUN VERB
5. The kite **soars** above us. NOUN VERB
6. Dad **carries** a heavy bag. NOUN VERB
7. A **drummer** joined the band. NOUN VERB
8. The **river** flows past our town. 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** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write two new sentences: underline one noun in the first sentence and underline one verb in the second.

NOUN _____

VERB _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with two nouns and two verbs; underline both nouns and put both verbs in bold.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	A **lantern** lit the porch.	**NOUN**	Lantern names a thing.
2	The **puppy** slept on a rug.	**NOUN**	Puppy names an animal.
3	Mina **whispers** to her friend.	**VERB**	Whispers tells what Mina does.
4	We walked through the **forest**.	**NOUN**	Forest names a place.
5	The kite **soars** above us.	**VERB**	Soars tells what the kite does.
6	Dad **carries** a heavy bag.	**VERB**	Carries tells what Dad does.
7	A **drummer** joined the band.	**NOUN**	Drummer names a person.
8	The **river** flows past our town.	**NOUN**	River 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**: A robot waits.
- **VERB**: The sun shines.

Challenge: The rabbit **hops**, and the turtle **crawls**.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the word's job in its sentence, such as “lantern names a thing” or “soars tells what the kite does.”