Words on Trial

Use dictionary meanings to identify each word's job.

10.4.R.4 "Students will use resources (e.g., dictionary, glossary, thesaurus, etc.) to determine or clarify the meanings, syllabication, pronunciation, synonyms, parts of speech, and etymology of words or phrases."

NAME _____ DATE _____

NOUN

A noun names a person, place, thing, or idea. If a dictionary lists a noun meaning, check whether that meaning fits the sentence.

Dictionary: bloom, noun, a flower; verb, to produce flowers. The **bloom** faded by noon.

VERB

A verb expresses an action or state. If a dictionary lists a verb meaning, check whether that meaning fits the sentence.

Dictionary: glide, noun, a smooth movement; verb, to move smoothly. The swans **glide** across the lake.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle NOUN or VERB for each bold word using its dictionary entry, then choose two items for Part 2 and explain which meaning proves each choice.

1.	Dictionary: appeal, noun, a request to change a decision; verb, to request a change to a decision. The residents filed an **appeal** after the ruling.	NOUN VERB
2.	Dictionary: dispute, noun, a disagreement; verb, to argue about something. The land **dispute** lasted for decades.	NOUN VERB
3.	Dictionary: exhibit, noun, an object or display shown publicly; verb, to show publicly. The museum will **exhibit** the letters.	NOUN VERB
4.	Dictionary: mandate, noun, an official order; verb, to require officially. The new **mandate** changed school schedules.	NOUN VERB
5.	Dictionary: critique, noun, a careful evaluation; verb, to evaluate carefully. Students will **critique** the article's evidence.	NOUN VERB
6.	Dictionary: document, noun, a written record; verb, to record with evidence. Researchers **document** each source they use.	NOUN VERB
7.	Dictionary: impact, noun, a strong effect; verb, to have a strong effect on. The law's **impact** was immediate.	NOUN VERB
8.	Dictionary: record, noun, an account kept for reference; verb, to save information. The clerk checked the **record** of the vote.	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 one new sentence that uses a word as a noun and one that uses a word as a verb; underline each word and add a brief dictionary meaning that fits.

NOUN _____

VERB _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one word from Part 1 and write two sentences that use it once as a noun and once as a verb; explain how its dictionary meanings confirm both uses.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Dictionary: appeal, noun, a request to change a decision; verb, to request a change to a decision. The residents filed an **appeal** after the ruling.	**NOUN**	Appeal names the residents' request to change the ruling.
2	Dictionary: dispute, noun, a disagreement; verb, to argue about something. The land **dispute** lasted for decades.	**NOUN**	Dispute names a disagreement about the land.
3	Dictionary: exhibit, noun, an object or display shown publicly; verb, to show publicly. The museum will **exhibit** the letters.	**VERB**	Exhibit means to show the letters publicly.
4	Dictionary: mandate, noun, an official order; verb, to require officially. The new **mandate** changed school schedules.	**NOUN**	Mandate names an official order.
5	Dictionary: critique, noun, a careful evaluation; verb, to evaluate carefully. Students will **critique** the article's evidence.	**VERB**	Critique means to evaluate the evidence carefully.
6	Dictionary: document, noun, a written record; verb, to record with evidence. Researchers **document** each source they use.	**VERB**	Document means to record each source with evidence.
7	Dictionary: impact, noun, a strong effect; verb, to have a strong effect on. The law's **impact** was immediate.	**NOUN**	Impact names the law's effect.
8	Dictionary: record, noun, an account kept for reference; verb, to save information. The clerk checked the **record** of the vote.	**NOUN**	Record names an account of the vote.

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**: The forecast predicted rain. Dictionary meaning: a prediction.
- **VERB**: Experts forecast rain for Friday. Dictionary meaning: to predict.

Challenge: The students read the document before class. They document their findings with photos. In the first sentence, document names a written record; in the second, it means to record with evidence.

For Part 2, explanations should connect the sentence to the matching dictionary meaning. For example, item 3 uses exhibit to mean show publicly.