Word Job Switch

The same word can do different jobs.

8.4.R.4 "Students will use a dictionary, glossary, or thesaurus to determine or clarify the meanings, syllabication, pronunciation, synonyms, antonyms, and parts of speech of words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

NOUN

A noun names a person, place, thing, or idea. A dictionary may label this use noun or n.

The **acorn** fell.

VERB

A verb tells what someone or something does or is. A dictionary may label this use verb or v.

They **whispered** softly.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle NOUN or VERB for each bold word, then choose two items and explain how each sentence and a dictionary entry support your choice.

1. The **record** lay in a dusty box. NOUN VERB
2. The **present** sat on the shelf. NOUN VERB
3. Maya will **record** the interview. NOUN VERB
4. The **permit** expired yesterday. NOUN VERB
5. We **present** our findings tomorrow. NOUN VERB
6. They **permit** visitors on Saturdays. NOUN VERB
7. A **project** filled the display case. NOUN VERB
8. The **contest** ended at noon. 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 with a bold noun and one with a bold verb, then label each bold word.

NOUN _____

VERB _____

CHALLENGE

Find a word that a dictionary lists as both a noun and a verb, then write two sentences using it once each way and label each use.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The **record** lay in a dusty box.	**NOUN**	Record names a thing and follows the.
2	The **present** sat on the shelf.	**NOUN**	Present names a gift and follows the.
3	Maya will **record** the interview.	**VERB**	Record names the action Maya will do.
4	The **permit** expired yesterday.	**NOUN**	Permit names a document that expired.
5	We **present** our findings tomorrow.	**VERB**	Present names the action we will do.
6	They **permit** visitors on Saturdays.	**VERB**	Permit tells what they do for visitors.
7	A **project** filled the display case.	**NOUN**	Project names a thing in the case.
8	The **contest** ended at noon.	**NOUN**	Contest names an event and follows the.

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 **compass** (noun) pointed north.
- **VERB**: The hikers **climbed** (verb) slowly.

Challenge: The **stamp** (noun) fell from the envelope. Please **stamp** (verb) this letter.

Nouns: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8; verbs: 3, 5, 6. For Part 2, students might explain that record names a thing in item 1 but follows will to name an action in item 3, and a dictionary lists both uses.