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Test Your Grammar Skills

Nouns and Verbs

1. Look at the following words:

cook, swim, answer, copy, climb, smell, fight, watch, play, smile

What type of word are they? Nouns? Verbs? Both?

2. Write four short sentences using each word as

- a) a noun
- b) a verb

3. Find 10 other English words that can be used as both nouns and verbs

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Answers:

1. All the words can be used as both nouns and verbs.

2. Here are some examples:

Using each word as a noun:

- We have just hired a new **cook**.
- Would you like to go for a **swim**?
- That was a good **answer**, George.
- Can you make another **copy** of that report, please?
- We had a difficult **climb** to the summit.
- What a strange **smell**!
- We enjoyed watching the big **fight** on Saturday.
- I need to buy a new **watch**.
- The **play** was very disappointing. I expect better from the RSC.
- Sian has got a lovely **smile**.

Using each word as a verb:

- Alex was too tired to **cook** dinner.
- Jake loves to **swim**.
- Please **answer** my question!
- Barbara tried to **copy** my answers, but I didn't let her.
- The little boy **climbed** upstairs to bed slowly.
- I can **smell** something delicious!
- Please don't **fight** over the remote control.
- Did you **watch** the match last night?
- We've been **playing** in the garden with Auntie Jane.
- Annie **smiled** and went inside.

3. Here are some examples:

pull, hope, joke, drink, sleep, frown, cheat, fall, walk, drive

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