

USING A NOUN ENTRY

Adjectives

- 1 Match each of the adjectives on the left with a suitable noun from the facing column. Look at the entries for the **bold** nouns for help.

a bewildering — **ambition**
 a biting — **array of** goods
 a burning — **chance**
 a convincing — **chasm**
 driving — **rain**
 a fighting — **sum** of money
 a gaping — **win**
 a staggering — **wind**

a shining — **defeat**
 a crushing — **battle**
 a haunting — **pain**
 a nagging — **example**
 a piercing — **scream**
 a running — **statement**
 a sprawling — **suburb**
 a sweeping — **melody**

Quantifiers

Quantifiers are words used to talk about the amount of something, such as *a **drop** of water* or *a **piece** of information*.

- 2 Complete each sentence with a suitable quantifier. Look at the **bold** noun entries for help.

- a There were just a few w isps of **cloud** in the sky.
 b The recent s_____ of **attacks** has made residents afraid to leave their homes.
 c He is on medication to ease his frequent b_____ of **depression**.
 d I just caught a brief s_____ of their **conversation** as I walked by their table.
 e The constant s_____ of **traffic** past our house makes it difficult to cross the road.
 f A p_____ of stray **dogs** was wandering around the abandoned plant.
 g The statement was greeted with h_____ of **laughter**.
 h A couple of c_____ of **garlic** will improve the taste of the sauce.
 i He felt a p_____ of **guilt** for the way he had treated her.
 j The new policy offers a g_____ of **hope** to small farmers.

Verb + ...

- 3 Cross out any verbs which do not normally collocate with the **bold** noun.

- a He *got into/had/~~made~~* an **argument** with the waiter and was thrown out of the restaurant.
 b He had to do two jobs to *clear/pay off/pay up* his **debts**.
 c Someone *came up with/presented/put forward* the **suggestion** that we should have an auction.
 d The scientists failed to *arrive at/decide/draw* any firm **conclusions** from the study.
 e The company *agreed on/came to/struck* a **deal** with the union after lengthy negotiations.
 f A **meeting** has been *arranged/programmed/scheduled* for next week.
 g The supervisor refused to *accept/receive/shoulder* the **blame** for the accident.
 h He *drummed/rattled/tapped* his **fingers** nervously on the desk as he spoke.
 i We *set/took/went on* a **trip** to a nearby island on a fishing boat.
 j I put up my hand to *shade/shelter/shield* my **eyes** from the sun.

... + verb

- 4 Complete the story with a suitable verb in each gap. Look at the **bold** noun entries for help.

I lay in bed, unable to sleep. The **wine** had f_____ freely at the party, and now my **head** was t_____ and my **stomach** was c_____. Outside the **wind** h_____ and the **rain** l_____ against the window. My **nerves** were o_____ e_____ as I remembered all the horror films I'd ever seen. Suddenly I heard the **key** t_____ in the front door. My **heart** began to h_____ in my chest as heavy **footsteps** e_____ on the stairs. My **mind** was ra_____, trying to think how I could save myself. The bedroom **door** c_____ open slowly, and as my **eyes** a_____ to the darkness I could make out a figure at the end of the bed. The man's **mouth** f_____ open when he saw me. It was the man who lives next door. I was in the wrong house!



... + noun

- 5 Choose a suitable word from the box on the right to complete each sentence. Look at the **bold** noun entry for help.

- a The hotel is located in a popular **beach** resort.
 b In economy class you don't get enough **leg** _____.
 c The traffic was held up by a massive **protest** _____.
 d He was seriously injured in a **traffic** _____.
 e They're collecting money for **famine** _____.
 f The specimens were arranged in a **display** _____.
 g It's a small office with very little **shelf** _____.
 h She went through her in box deleting the **junk** _____.
 i The financial crisis was blamed for the recent **crime** _____.
 j He was working at the hospital on the **night** _____.

chances	room
boom	shift
accident	space
case	box
mail	gathering
stall	relief
aid	resort
rally	crash
hour	wave

Prepositions

- 6 The sentences below can be completed using just three different prepositions. Look at the **bold** noun entries to help you.

- a He was lying on the floor in **agony**.
- b Students who do not have a computer are _____ a **disadvantage**.
- c There is still **confusion** _____ the result of the vote.
- d I couldn't hear what she was saying _____ the **noise** of the crowd.
- e Please submit your requests _____ **writing** before Friday.
- f He died instantly when his bike hit a wall _____ **speed**.
- g She claims she killed him _____ **self-defence/self-defense**.
- h I'm not going out _____ this **rain**!
- i I saw him a couple of times _____ **the weekend**.
- j Her **skill** _____ negotiating makes her a valuable asset.

Phrases

- 7 Look at the phrases section in the entries for the **bold** nouns below to help you complete and match the heads and tails of the sentences.

- a Your tutor can give advice and lend a sympathetic...
- b It was hilarious! I just couldn't _____ a straight...
- c As he looked out of the window, he _____ his...
- d I fell in love the first time I _____...
- e The kids worked so hard. They really _____ their...
- f If this report _____ into the wrong...
- g When I heard the news, I _____ sick to my...
- h They were so rude to me that I vowed never to _____...
- i You offended him! You must learn to _____ your...
- j She was so upset that she just _____ her...

stomach.
ear.
eyes on her.
face.
foot in the place again.
hands, we're in trouble.
head in her hands and cried.
hearts into the task.
mouth shut.
nose up against the glass.